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Lebanon and Israel are still talking

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Against the backdrop of further fighting in Lebanon, Israeli, Lebanese and U.S. diplomats sat down for a third round of talks on Jan. 3 in the Lebanese town of Khalde.

As they talked, Christian and Druze gunmen battled in the Shouf mountains southeast of Beirut, and pro and anti-Syrian factions fought in the streets of Tripoli, a northern city controlled by Syria.

The violence was symptomatic of the problems which continue to plague Lebanon in the wake of the recent war.

According to official communiques, Israel and Lebanon were said to have made progress in their discussions, which began late last year. Yet two disputes held up talks.

Israel described the negotiations as direct, with the U.S. participating as a witness. Lebanon termed the talks as tripartite, insisting that the Americans were full-fledged partners.

Obviously, Lebanon is struggling to convey the impression to the Arab world that its discussions with Israel are of an indirect nature — despite evidence to the contrary.

This attempt at facade building is directly related to the most serious dispute between Lebanon and Israel — the agenda.

Officials sought to portray movement in the talks, but no one can deny that they cannot go forward unless Israel and Lebanon agree on a firm agenda.

Despite sessions in Khalde, five miles south of Beirut, and in Kiryat Shmona, just south of the Lebanese frontier, negotiators have failed to bridge the gap in their positions.

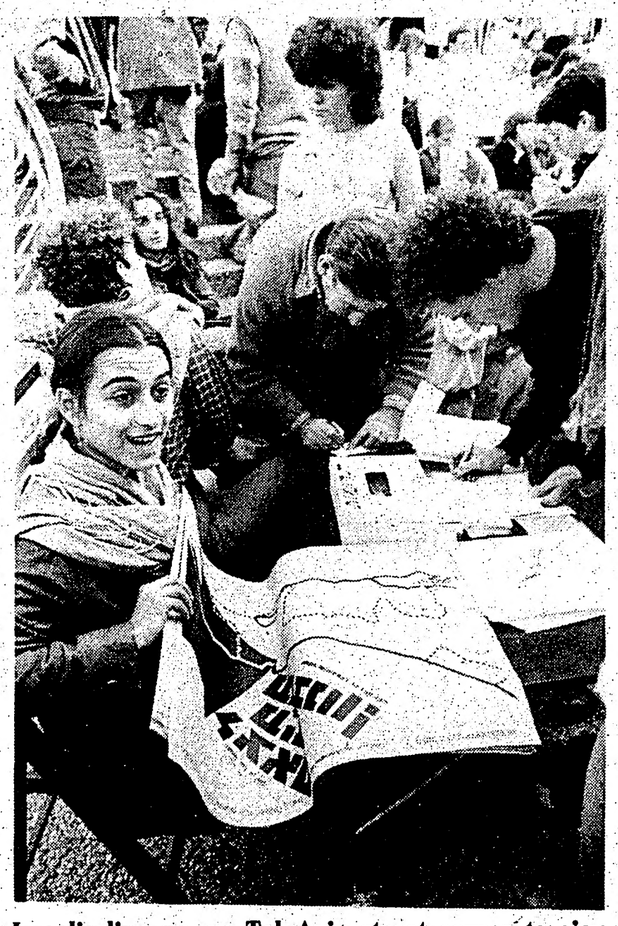
Antoine Fattal, Lebanon's chief delegate, wants talks to focus on the withdrawal of all foreign forces from his country.

David Kimche, Israel's representative, declared his objective was quite different. Israel, he indicated, is placing the emphasis on normalizing its relations with Lebanon and on security arrangements in southern Lebanon.

The question of troop withdrawals will be addressed only after the first two issues are resolved, Israeli thinking goes.

A few weeks ago, Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon disclosed that Lebanon had endorsed a working paper setting forth these main points. It appears, however, that Lebanon has not signed such a document.

Fearing an Arab backlash, Lebanon has apparently decided it would not be in its interests to sign a peace treaty with Israel.



Israelis line up on Tel Aviv street corner to sign petition calling for Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon without any conditions. [IPPA photo].

This sentiment emerged at the initial session in Khalde, when Fattal and Kimche sparred over the 1949 armistice agreement.

Fattal said that it is still in force, and could be "interpreted, revised or completed by mutual agreement."

Kimche said the agreement was invalidated by the Six Day War, when Lebanon sided with the Arabs, and by PLO attacks on Israel from bases on Lebanese soil.

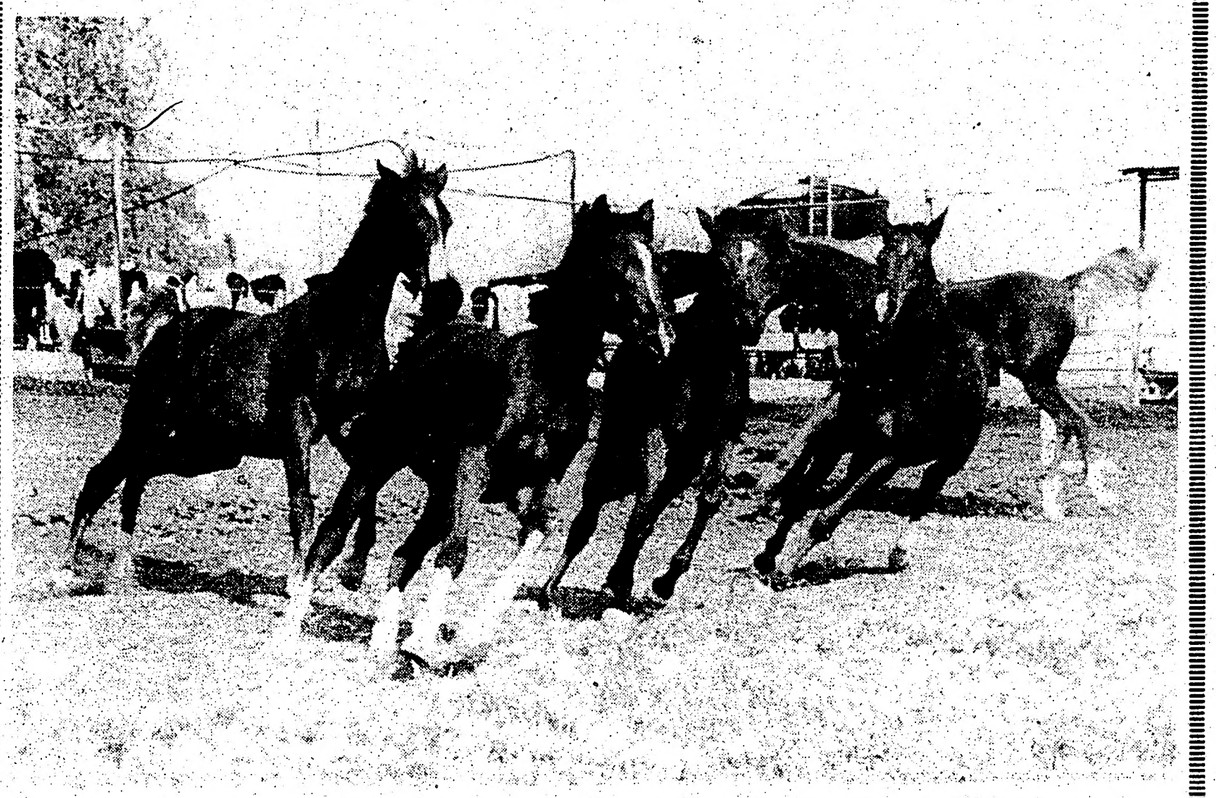
Lebanon is loathe to scuttle the 1949 armistice because a new pact could be seen by Arabs as endorsing Israel's demand for a peace treaty.

The Lebanese seem to have U.S. support for their position.

Meanwhile, Israel and the PLO held direct talks on an exchange of prisoners. Israel holds thousands of Palestinians captured in the war, while the PLO has some eight Israeli troops in its possession.

Austria's chancellor, Bruno Kreisky, arranged the contacts at the request of Israeli families.

The talks, which Israel says have no political significance, are being conducted on a humanitarian level.



HOME ON THE KIBBUTZ RANGE

No, it's not a scene in Alberta. These young thoroughbreds are on Kibbutz Sha'ar Hagolan in the Jordan Valley. The kibbutz recently began breeding horses commercially, mainly for export. [IPPA photo]

Arafat dialogue call rejected

PLO disqualified: Berman

By JOE POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Yasser Arafat's call to the American Jewish community and the Peace Now organization in Israel for "a dialogue" has been rebuffed by the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Julius Berman, who said the Palestine Liberation Organization has "disqualified itself" from the peace process.

Arafat made his call in an interview in Tunis with Lally Weymouth, daughter of Katharine Graham, chairman of the board of the Washington Post. Her report first appeared in the Boston Globe and then in the Washington Post. It was published while Jordan's King Hussein was in Washington.

Following the Hussein-Reagan summit, the Post carried a series of articles generally sympathetic to the PLO.

"Arafat sent his regards 'to those masses who demonstrated many times inside Israel against war and against massacres and against genocide,' " the Weymouth report said in the Post.

"Arafat said he would gladly open a dialogue with either the American Jewish community or with Peace Now, an Israeli organization advocating Palestinian rights: 'We are ready. We would open a dialogue to solve this tragedy.' "

Berman, when apprised of Arafat's remarks issued the following statement to The CJN:

"By its strategy of terror and by its covenant which calls for the destruction of Israel, the PLO has disqualified itself from participation in the peace process and any possible discussion with Jewish institutions or individuals. Any Jewish 'leader' or 'spokesman' who foolishly decides to meet with the

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Union signs agreement, El Al may fly again

TEL AVIV [JTA] — Histadrut and the temporary receiver for El Al signed an agreement last week which may save Israel's national air carrier from liquidation and allow it eventually to resume service.

The agreement, which includes far-reaching concessions to management, was signed by Histadrut on behalf of the airline's 5,000-member work force, except the pilots.

The latter announced afterwards that they could not accept Histadrut as their bargaining agent because of disputes with management over safety factors, including longer hours in the cockpits. Airline sources and the ministry of transport warned that if necessary, El Al would hire outside pilots on individual flight contracts.

Histadrut has agreed to accept responsibility for all El Al employees. They had been represented previously by a dozen separate work committees, a fact blamed for the company's instability and frequent strikes and work stoppages. But the labor federation also agreed that management could dismiss 500 employees — 10% of its present staff — within a year as an economy measure.

It guaranteed management sole decision-making power with respect to future airline operations without interference by employees. Histadrut will be consulted on dismissals.

The new agreement means that the temporary receiver will cancel his appeal to a district court to appoint a final receiver to liquidate the company. Liquidation was decided by El Al shareholders, most of them proxies of the government which owns 98% of the carrier. That would have opened the way for the government to sell the airline to private interests.

El Al sources said that it would take two to three months to inspect and repair the company's grounded aircraft before they can carry passengers again. El Al suspended service in September.

Emigration at new low

WASHINGTON — Immigration policies adopted by the Soviet Union and Romania that affect the future of Jews wishing to depart from those countries have come under strong American criticism and the Reagan administration has made its opposition known publicly as Soviet Jewish emigration dropped in 1982 to its lowest total in 12 years and the government in Bucharest readied an "education tax" on prospective emigrants.

The National and Greater New York Conferences on Soviet Jewry announced in New York that 2,670 Jews received emigration visas in 1982 compared with 9,447 the year before. The record high was 51,320 in 1979.

The U.S. state department issued a statement of its own that pointed out "the severe constriction of immigration is a matter of deep concern to the United States." It continued: "This concern is communicated to the Soviet government at every level, both in public fora and through diplomatic channels."

In warning the Romanian government against fulfilling its announced policy to impose an education tax on emigrants, the Reagan administration disclosed that Lawrence Eagleburger, undersecretary of state for political affairs, would be in Bucharest soon to meet with Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu about the policy that would require emigrants to pay in hard currency the full cost of their education. This could amount to thousands of dollars.

In addition the property of emigrants could be confiscated.

Romania and Hungary are the only Soviet bloc countries whose exports to the U.S. are subject to normal tariffs. By putting the tax policy into practice Romania stands to lose its tariff status.

About 1,000 Jews have been leaving Romania annually in recent years. About 2,400 Romanians have gone to the U.S. yearly.

World-National

Burial rites of Maoris not primitive

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In my last column on New Zealand I made reference to Maori customs which appeared to have some parallels to our own mourning practices. That remark elicited a good deal of interest, and so I will describe these customs in some detail.

Rabbi Plaut

The mother of a prominent Maori had died that morning. "Would you like to come to the tangi," my Maori friend had asked. "Few outsiders ever have that opportunity." I readily agreed, and shortly thereafter my wife and I were on our way to a native compound on the outskirts of Auckland.

The day was hot and our group, by this time swelled to some 30, was kept waiting outside the gates until our time for admittance came. Then we entered the handsome, large meeting hall which is a gabled structure without furnishings, the centrepiece of every Maori village.

At the far end, seated on low cushions with shoes removed, sat the mourners, some of them dressed in black. The open coffin was in front of them. Our group, shoeless as well, advanced slowly to the front. One by one we stepped up and paid our respect to the dead and then, in the prescribed manner, embraced the mourners, touched noses and expressed our condolence.

Many visitors wept with the family. The women's wailing songs alternated with eulogies pronounced by friends of the family. They spoke of eternal life, of the merits of the deceased, and of their own friendship for and support of the family. Then they left a cash donation in the centre of the hall to be used either for the benefit of the family or for the community.

It was a slow, deliberate ceremony. No one hurried. The eulogies took about half an hour and we, having spoken our words of condolence to the family, took our seats along the walls on low cushions or on the floor.

Eulogies were interspersed with native songs in a minor key. Absolute silence reigned and the six or eight speakers whom we heard were given the most respectful attention. No one spoke of anyone except the dead. There was no small talk [so often found at our shivas]; the whole experience was thoroughly cathartic. There was weeping and there was praise, there was genuine sorrow and there was joy in the accomplishments of the deceased.

After the last of our group had paid his respects we left. A small refection was offered and then it was time for the next group to enter.

The ritual lasts for a full three days, at the end of which the dead are buried (not cremated as is the custom amongst the rest of the population), and then a final and more elaborate meal of condolence is held.

Three days of such ceremonies bring the reality of death to the family and at the same time establish a beautiful spoken memorial to the dead. I was much moved and wondered about those whose prejudices would lead them to describe the ceremonies of indigenous peoples like these as "primitive." They are, in fact, the very opposite.

Arab malaise reflected in media

War produces crisis of confidence

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the wake of the Lebanese war, the Arab world is in turmoil.

There is a crisis of confidence among thoughtful Arabs, a bitterness and a divisiveness, triggered by Israel's military victory and the Arab inability to respond in kind.

Some Arab intellectuals are comparing last year's war to the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict, the repercussions of which were felt for many years.

The Arab media best reflects the mood of Arabs, and a content analysis of it by Hebrew University Middle East specialist Ilan Pappe reveals themes ranging from disappointment at the lack of Arab unity to accusations of American complicity in the war.

Pappe's essay is published in a recent issue of Research Report, which is put out by the Institute of Jewish Affairs, World Jewish Congress.

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Radio Damascus voiced surprise and indignation that Arabs had not been able to unite in the face of Israel's invasion. "We used to believe that the Arab world might differ on many issues, but would, at least, be in agreement towards Zionism and Israel."

Commenting on the fact that it took the Arabs more than one month just to form a committee to deal with the war, the Jordanian newpaper Ar-Ra'i concluded that Arabs either misunderstood the dimensions of the problem, or preferred to hush it up to conceal their collective weakness.

The Egyptian Gazette described as a "tragic phenomenon" the failure by the Arabs to stop Israel.

Egypt's controlled press displayed deep anger toward Israel. Cairo's Al-Gumhurriyah wrote: "Israel's determination to humiliate the Arabs [has] stirred . . . a profound sense of solidarity with other Arab nations. . . ." The same newspaper said Israel had lost its right to be recognized by its neighbors. "From now on it should be looked upon as a lawless entity."

Al-Ahram, the Cairo daily, said that Arabs mistakenly viewed Israel as a super power and thus as undefeatable. A Saudi newspaper, Al-Nadwa, called upon all Arabs to confront Israel militarily.

Newspapers in Jordan and Egypt, which carried stories of the "heroic fight" of the Palestinians, said the time had come to "Vietnamize" the struggle against Israel by means of guerrilla warfare.

This was a minor theme, however.

As in previous wars, the Arabs were short on self-criticism and long on leveling accusations.

"We Arabs must start blaming ourselves . . . how can we ask foreign countries to support our stand morally and politically, when we ourselves are engaged in verbal accusation and counter - accusation," The Jordan Times editorialized.

Ath-Thawra, of Bagdad, accused Syria of putting up only token resistance in confronting Israel, and Ar-Ra'i, of Amman, chided Arabs for their tepid reaction to Israel's incursion.

The Egyptian press rubbed salt in Syria's wounds by calling on the regime in Damascus to abandon the war path, since it did not possess the ability to confront Israel.

Sounding a common theme, Arab journalists declared that Israel's operation was part of a comprehensive plan to annihilate the Palestinian national movement and to partition Lebanon into Christian and Moslem states.

As might have been expected, the U.S., Israel's armorer and ally, was excoriated by editorialists.

Writing in Al-Ahram, Yusuf Idris described Israel-U.S. co-operation as a "Catholic marriage" between "Jewish Israel" and "Protestant America."

The chief editor of Al-Ahram claimed that Washington had betrayed Egypt by standing aside while Israeli troops poured into Lebanon. Al-Akhbar, of Cairo, said the U.S. had co-operated in a plan to render the Arabs vassals of Israel.

Syria's media explained that the Israeli army had reached Beirut only because of American equipment. Washington's aim, said the former chairman of Egypt's press syndicate, was to wreck Lebanon's national unity.

Al-Baath, the Syrian newspaper, charged that Israel was being funded "with practically a blank check from the USA."

A few newspapers, particularly those in the Persian Gulf region, wondered why U.S. companies continued to get the lion's share of Arab development projects.

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The debate in the Arab media has certainly been fierce, but whether it is a catalyst for change is difficult to tell.

After their defeat in 1948, the Arabs were plunged into a period of great instability, with regimes falling in Syria and in Egypt. Israel was affected by these upheavals, of course.

In the aftermath of the Six Day War, a debacle in Arab eyes, the Palestinian national movement grew tremendously and its leaders challenged the status quo in Jordan and in Lebanon.

Needless to say, these events touched Israel.

How will the Arabs respond to Israel's invasion? No one really knows, but they are not likely to remain silent. Political foment is at work throughout the Middle East, and Israel should not be surprised by ensuing developments.

Another war may be in the making.

But, by the same token, peace could be at hand.

Arabs kneel in prayer at a mosque. Israel's military victory in Lebanon has given Arabs reason to wonder.

Kaufman gets new position

TORONTO — Gordon Kaufman, Toronto, has been appointed acting national executive vice-president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS), as of Jan. 1.

Gordon Kaufman

Announcement of the appointment was made last week by Joseph G. Casse, national president of JIAS.

Kaufman will succeed Dr. Joseph Kage, who retires June 30.

"I am sure," says Casse, "you will join with our board in wishing Dr. Kage good health and success in his retirement, and in wishing Gordon Kaufman well in his new appointment."

Casse said the name of Kage has been "synonymous with JIAS Canada," and that he will retire "after many years of devoted service."

Labor pledges Israel support

NEW YORK [JTA] — Lane Kirkland, president of the AFL-CIO, pledged that American labor "will neither swerve from our support of Israel, nor yield ground to those, in or out of the administration, who would push our democratic ally into unilateral concessions to those who deny her right to exist."

Kirkland, speaking at the Jewish Labor Committee's National Trade Union Council Human Rights Award dinner here honoring Douglas Fraser, president of the United Automobile Workers Union, added:

"To those who would punish Israel by withholding economic or military assistance we say: save that talk for General (Wojciech) Jaruzelski (military leader of Poland) and his Soviet masters. Such threats ill behoove an administration that has just lifted sanctions on the Siberian pipeline, refuses to halt the flow of credit to the Eastern bloc, and is begging the Soviet Union to buy more grain from us."

Kirkland praised Fraser for "being a long-time friend of Israel" deserving the honor being bestowed on him.

In his own remarks, Fraser, reviewing the war in Lebanon and its aftermath, said: "Like the U.S., Israel is a country in which the citizens by no means take what their government says at face value. Despite living in the shadow of a virtual siege throughout its young existence, Israel has never attempted to stifle political dissent or curb the free expression of its people and press."

He urged that Americans judge Israel by its democratic values and experiences and not on the basis of false propaganda stories spread by its enemies.

Like Kirkland, he reiterated his long-standing friendship with Israel and pledged that he, and his million-member union of auto and agricultural implement workers, "would continue its link with Israel's cause."

"Open mind" on prosecution of Nazis

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL — A delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress has received an encouraging response from the federal minister of justice about possible future prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

According to CJC President Irwin Cotler, who along with David Matas and Alan Rose met recently with Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan in Ottawa, the minister is "prepared to be persuaded" that there are other legal means besides extradition in dealing with Nazis living in Canada.

"The minister said he has an open mind on the question," Cotler told The CJN. "He did not say it can or cannot be done, but he is open to legal argument."

Cotler said the CJC will prepare a written memorandum which will incorporate sections of the newly enacted Charter of Human Rights. The memorandum will be presented to MacGuigan by the end of January, pending the appeal of the Albert Rauca case, now before the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The delegation, said Cotler, told MacGuigan there is no doubt there are legal means for prosecution, including revocation of citizenship, prosecution under the War Crimes Act and implementation of the Geneva Convention.

In the worst case scenario, he added, the Canadian government could enact new legislation to deal with the matter.

"We told the minister that for us the issue of bringing Nazi war criminals to justice is an unrelenting priority," Cotler said. "The passage of time will not make the issue go away — rather it becomes more critical and crucial."

To speak out or not to speak out—that's the dilemma when moral obligations can nurture anti-semitism

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I confess to being frequently disturbed and uneasy about some negative manifestations in Jewish life. At such times I feel saddened by the lack of communal criticism or condemnation of the miscreants and their misdeeds.

Our silence in the face of the media's massive concentration on Jews who are allegedly involved in a given expose distresses me because of the possibility that our youth might conclude that such ethically unacceptable behavior is a normal way of life. It isn't, of course . . . and it mustn't be.

J. B. Salsberg

It seems as if those who gain dubious prominence in such exposes are guided by a belief that everything is permissible if one can get away with it. But everything is **not** kosher and everything is **not** permissible — even if one **can** get away with it. Any other conclusion would, of course, run counter to all our historic Jewish concepts of right and wrong and ethical and unethical.

My conclusion, when in the grip of such troubling developments, is that we must, in one way or another, go public and voice our displeasure, underscore our moral position and express our criticism in an unambiguous manner. But . . .

Our conditioned reflexes urge us to dissociate from wrongdoing and to act in accordance with our ancient injunction to "cleanse evil from our midst." In short — to speak out, to take a position between right and wrong and thus protect our public image as a group and our moral ramparts from within. But while our visceral reaction is to act in accordance with the dictates of our conscience, there emerges a lurking fear that the outside world might utilize our very outspokenness against us.

The result is a terrible dilemma. To speak out or to keep silent. To speak out in a limited fashion — within our own inner confines — or to speak for all to hear since, as the public has already been fed the negative aspects of a given case, then it should also be offered our own, our Jewish view of the unethical deeds of the few wrongdoers among us. The dilemma is both real and painful.

This brings me to another confession or two.

I confess that there were occasions when I, too, acted protectively rather than in accord with moral conviction for the unvarnished outspokenness in public. Here are at least two such instances.

First instance: This happened a dozen or so years ago. A very able and idealistic young friend who had entered the field of journalism phoned me to share some disturbing information he came across and that he planned to deal with in a book. My spontaneous reaction was that such a book would hurt the Jewish community. He agreed to meet at breakfast to discuss the matter further.

We met and the idealistic Jewish journalist elaborated on the unsavory situation he had encountered. I did not question the accuracy of his findings, for he was and he remains an honest and moral human being. Nevertheless, I suggested to him that such a book would become a lethal instrument in the hands of anti-semites.

"But," he replied, "the best way to disarm the anti-semites is for one of us to deal with it."

"Are Jews in that area of business the only ones who engage in the objectionable practices?" I asked.

No, he replied, they are all doing it but no one will jump on the Italians, or English, or Greeks if any of them are exposed but a lot of people will condemn all Jews if a Jew is exposed.

Can Jews seek equal rights yet be different?

We spent considerable time at the breakfast table discussing the eternal Jewish dilemma. We parted wistfully — like two people who were literally caught on the horns of a dilemma. The book was never written.

After leaving my young friend I went to the offices of the Canadian Jewish Congress to share both the issue and the inner conflict with the wise and sensitive executive director of Congress, the late Myer Sharzer.

Sharzer was evidently also caught in the dilemma. Can we seek equal rights for Jews and yet insist that they be different, he asked? Yes, I replied, we can.

So who will champion that difference within an assumed equality? he asked pensively.

I had no answer so we parted silently, commiserating one with the other just as I had done an hour earlier with my young Jewish journalist.

My second confession relates to one of Canada's most famous authors and leading journalists. He was working on a new book and had one of his assistants phone me to ask for an interview. I declined and asked that the author be advised that I decline the interview because I'm uneasy about the effects of such a book.

The author invited me to lunch to discuss my reasons. We met and talked at great length. The subject matter was not a Jewish peculiarity, I argued, then why deal with the Jewish role in the given domain when all others are not dealt with as national or ethnic units?

The planned book did not appear as originally conceived, although Jews were dealt with as individuals or as families.

Was I right in my protective reactions in both these instances? Or are they both but indications of the Jewish dilemma?

Theoretically I'm all for outspokenness, for unbridled criticism and condemnation of the unethical in our midst. Nevertheless, I didn't act in accordance with that conviction. Why? And, what is much more important, who will perform that ancient Jewish duty and obligation?

[More next week]

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Eliezer Ben-Yehuda was born Jan. 7, 1858. He was instrumental in making Hebrew the spoken day-to-day language of the Jewish state. In addition, he instituted:

- A simple, popular style in Hebrew literature.
- A systematic coining of new Hebrew words.
- A national academy of the Hebrew language.
- A multi-volume dictionary of modern Hebrew.

In the 19th century, Hebrew was a new vehicle of intellectual expression by Jewish secularists [maskilim]. Yiddish, particularly in Eastern Europe, was the language of the common people. In traditional circles, then still the majority, Hebrew was the holy tongue, restricted largely to prayers, any other use, including instruction or literature, was regarded as a desecration.

New settlers to the Holy Land mainly spoke Yiddish, Russian or Romanian.

The son of a chassidic family, Eliezer Perelman — his original name — was initiated into secular Hebrew studies while a yeshiva bocher. The Russo-Turkish war of 1878 and the struggle of the Balkan nations for liberation sparked his ideas of Jewish nationalism.

Hebrew, he declared, was a vital spiritual link uniting various communities around the world; its loss would be devastating. He was writing in 1880 in the Hebrew periodical HaShachar [Dawn], in response to a German Reform group advocating the abolition of Hebrew from Jewish life altogether, including liturgy.

He also criticized Hebrew writing of the time for being too pedantic, stilted and, most important, divorced from the authors' everyday life, which was still conducted in Yiddish, Russian or Polish.

One writer, for example, described a great iron beast belching smoke and fire as it roared to meet him; Ben-Yehuda suggested he adopt a newly-coined literal term for the object: rakevet, train.

In 1881 — before the Russian pogroms and unlike the Europe-bound maskilim — he moved to Eretz Israel. He took his nom-de-plume as his official surname, setting out to make Sephardic-style Hebrew "the tongue of our children, on the soil on which it once blossomed." With his wife Deborah, he founded the first Hebrew-speaking European home in Palestine; his eldest son Ben-Zion became the first modern Hebrew-speaking child.

He wrote and taught in Hebrew. In 1890, he helped found the Va'ad Halshon, over which he presided for the rest of his life.

Ben-Yehuda's efforts to convince the Orthodox of Jerusalem to speak Hebrew were rebuffed, and left him bitter. For the next decade, he attacked the practice of alms-gathering in the Diaspora for the support of scholars, yeshivot, and the poor in the Holy Land.

In 1894, he was falsely denounced to the Turkish authorities and charged with sedition. Ben-Yehuda's sentence to a year in jail created an uproar in the Diaspora, and he was released after strong appeals.

In 1910, assisted by sponsors in the United States, he began to publish his Complete Dictionary of Ancient and Modern Hebrew. The last of its 17 volumes appeared in 1959, 37 years after he died.

Army expert says:

U.S. Mideast policy is misguided

By WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

The U.S. Middle East policy is based on a misconception of the Arab states' values and ideals, says an American expert on Mideast affairs.

Dr. Harold Rhode, a consultant to the American department of defence, says the U.S. approach of trying to secure a fair peace for the region is misguided, because any compromise would be seen in the Arab world as a loss of honor, and would therefore be unacceptable.

The only way to maintain a semblance of order in the region, he added, is to ensure that Israel remains strong.

"Arabs would kill for their honor, but they won't be killed for it," Rhode stated. "As long as they know Israel is strong, they realize there is little they can do."

Rhode, who has traveled and lived extensively in various Arab countries, said the type of peace that exists between Canada and the United States is unachievable in the Middle East, adding that coexistence might be more easily attained if the concerned parties were left to go it alone.

"But the dead end is a non-concept in the Western world, where it is believed that every — thing can be negotiated," he explained.

"Foreign ministries in the Western world exist to negotiate and the moment you tell them a problem can't be solved, there is no reason for them to exist.

"Therefore, they'll never learn the lesson that staying out of a situation might make it work better."

Rhode made his remarks in an interview during the Network national students conference held here recently at the Parc Regent Hotel. About 200 students attended the 5-day gathering, participating in sessions on a variety of subjects including Arab campus propaganda, Middle East politics, and oppressed world Jewry. Most of the sessions were closed to the press.

Featured during the conference were a number of highlight speakers including Israel Singer, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, Abe Foxman, associate national director of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, and Jonathan Kessler, political leadership program director for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Addressing the opening night session, Singer told the students, who came from as far away as Vancouver and Halifax, that Israel should re-evaluate itself and return to the Zionist dreams of its forefathers.

"Israel will not be Jewish if its dreams are only physical, geographic, economic and of power," he stated. "We must return to the ideological Zionist dreams that nurtured and built the state."

Referring to the situation on the West Bank, Singer said that no Israeli government can expect or hope for complete annexation, and for its own sake, "Israel should do something to solve the Palestinian problem."

Foxman, addressing the luncheon session the following day, said the Jewish condition is changing in today's world, leading to a great many questions and anxiety about the future existence of the Jewish people.

Describing an "international bombardment" on the Jewish psyche and soul that has been built up over a number of years, Foxman said that Jewish activism is all the more important now to combat the onslaught.

"There is a latent anti-semitism that infects about one-third of the American people," he declared. "Fortunately, we haven't reached the flashpoint that turns sentiment into action.

"But we have to be on guard," he stated.

The call for activism was underscored again the next day by Kessler in his discussion of the rapid increase of Arab propaganda on American campuses.

He told the students they were the targets of a fierce psychological warfare that seeks to destroy the morale of Israel's supporters. Students, he warned, were the most vulnerable to propaganda because they are asked to absorb a great amount of second hand information that they can never hope to verify.

Kessler, who visits over 300 college campuses a year, said the 1980s would be remembered as a decade of activism, and called on students to become involved.

"A strong response is imperative," he insisted, "because the Palestinians and leftists are two steps ahead of us in the activist movement.

"Remember, the people they influence now, and they do — will one day be our policy makers."

Students plan newsletter

MONTREAL —

The Network national students conference concluded here last week by passing a resolution lending its support to the publication of a new Jewish student activist newsletter.

The newsletter will be called Tachlis and will be the first such enterprise ever undertaken by Canadian Jewish students. Tachlis will be produced on a monthly basis in Ottawa, and will be edited by Zev Kalin and Eliot Shore.

According to Kalin, who introduced the resolution, the idea for the project came in response to the increase of Arab propaganda on Canadian university campuses, particularly at the University of Ottawa where he and Shore are students.

"There is a desperate need for a tool to motivate and educate Jewish students in fighting the propaganda war," Kalin said.

To get the project off the ground, Kalin produced a mockup edition which was printed by the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith in Toronto. He distributed about 400 copies at the conference, receiving what he termed a very enthusiastic response from the students.

The first issue is expected to be completed by the end of January, and in the meantime Kalin is trying to solicit financial and editorial support.

For more information, write to Tachlis, PO Box 9023, Ottawa, K1G 3T8.

How to run a meeting

MONTREAL —

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Inspiration for preparation of the booklet came from numerous outside requests for guidance on setting up effective meetings — ranging from the use of audio-visual devices to planning the countdown from start to finish on working up a major assembly.

The booklet was first made available to students participating in the recent Network conference in Montreal.

It will be one item in a kit organized by AJCS public relations department for a series of seven workshops on communications planned for Montreal-area organizations over a 4½-month period this year.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: At a bris, a plate has been passed around with the request that we give something to charity in honor of the happy event. At some weddings, there are collectors looking for some tzedakah money. Why do we permit this?

There are some synagogues where such collections are not permitted. No formal appeal for funds may be launched there on Shabbes or Yom Tov. The poor may not approach the members for a handout; they must go to the office.

Such a rule existed in the days of King Ahasueras, as told in Esther 4:1: "For none might enter within the king's gate clothed in sackcloth," and it remains in force in many places.

Rabbi Burak

Once a year, like so many other penitents, we change our ways on the High Holy Days when the Israel Bond appeal claims the right of way.

There is a basis in Jewish tradition for the solicitation of funds at simchas. If you do not give to some other cause at such a time, it is held against you. According to Rashi, Genesis 22:1, Satan complained that Abraham had failed to do this at the party in honor of Isaac's bris: "Of every feast which Abraham made, he did not offer You one ox or one ram." Hashem said to him: "He did this only for his son. If I were to say to him, 'Sacrifice him before me,' he would not hold back."

So, the testing of Abraham with that painful test in which he was asked to sacrifice his Yitzhak shows that one must do more than just celebrate with the nobles of the land.

That is the reason we should give to charity at a bris. Money is being spent on a party. Let some money be given to the poor and the needy. Let them have reason to rejoice with us.

In Toronto, Dr. Isadore M. Cass made this an integral part of a bris, asking all who can afford it to contribute one dollar for Kiryat Gat, every time he is the mohel. Today, almost all the Mohelim make similar requests for specific charities as the way to honor the baby boy.

In New York, when you attend a wedding, the going is much harder. You run a gauntlet of outstretched arms seeking contributions to charity.

Why should these be answered? The answer is found in the Zohar on Genesis, in the Hakdama, 10B-11A. The comment is on the identical word that Rashi expounded, but the reach is much wider: "At every joyful dinner the well known Prosecutor is present. And he watches to see whether the host has hurried to do good to the poor. And if the needy poor are at the dinner, he departs from the house."

Azulai states, in his gloss, that there is a twofold requirement here. The host must send something to the homes of those poor men who are too proud to beg. And he must invite the poor who are not so shy to his festivities.

In Europe, there was always a table or two for the poor. At one time, most of the weddings took place on Friday so that between all the functions, all the poor people would have nice Sabbath meals.

Said the Zohar: "If the poor are not there, the Prosecutor denounces the host before the court on high."

New peace movement launched

By
MELVIN FENSON

JERUSALEM —

The 30th world Zionist Congress may have captured the headlines on its raucous opening night here last month. But a far more significant event was the subdued meeting on the same night of Israeli youth jammed into the Beit Agron Theatre at Jerusalem's press headquarters.

Packing every available seat and every inch of aisle space, too, were modestly dressed young women wearing "dubon" winter parkas and men all capped with knitted kipas.

They call themselves the Shalom Datit organization — Hebrew for Religious Peace — and their meeting heralded the birth of a new movement in Israel.

They are not to be confused with Shalom Achshav — the Peace Now movement, which is inclined to be politically militant and eager to make territorial concessions on the West Bank.

Rather, the Religious Peace adherents are religious moderates who model themselves after the knitted kipa generation of religious Israelis championed some years ago by Ephraim Kishon, Israel's leading humorist. In his tribute, Kishon praised their dedication to classic Zionist ideals, selfless performance in the army, refusal to emigrate from Israel, and qualities of just plain decent behavior and loving kindness.

This group of refined religious Israelis took a surprising extremist turn last April. Under the fiery leadership of Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neryia, they refused to evacuate Yamit in the Sinai. They were shown nightly on TV screens that spring, battling with Israeli soldiers, holding sit-ins on the roofs of Yamit buildings, defying Israel's peace treaty obligations and stubbornly determined to remain in the Sinai, come what may.

But at their meeting here last month, the religious peaceniks returned to their original character, embracing moderation and rejecting violence and any form of extremism.

The new movement's spiritual father is Rabbi Yehuda Amital, head of the Alon Shvut Hesder Yeshiva. He urged the audience to take a gentler approach than the knitted kipa young people who had clearly abandoned reality during the Yamit evacuation. Arms alone can not solve all problems, he warned.

The rabbi also attempted to distance himself and the movement from the Peace Now adherents. He suggested that a rush to territorial concessions on the West Bank could be construed as an inadequate love for Israel. At the same time, he candidly admitted that the movement at whose birth he was presiding would, if pressed, be ready to make concessions for peace.

Above all, he warned against any belief in quick and total solutions. The movement should attempt to avoid political entanglements. Religious Zionism views the establishment of the State of Israel as the beginning of the fulfilment of biblical prophecy, he said, but how long it will take, no one knows.

Basically, the movement aims to elevate to the highest rank of Israel's values: "Torat hahaim" [an ethical way of life] and peace for Israel.

This observer feels that, long after the stultified resolutions of the 30th World Zionist Congress will recede into limbo, this new movement will be remembered.

Rough going for Liz on Israel mission

JERUSALEM —

It was a tough peace mission for Elizabeth Taylor.

The glamourous movie queen, who came here last week declaring that "all (peace) takes is love and understanding" ran into several obstacles in her mission.

First, while on a visit to David Ben Gurion's burial place in Sde Bokar, she passed out, apparently from the Negev heat, and recovered only after a short stay in hospital in Beersheba.

Then, the limousine in which she was being taken to visit Defence Minister Ariel Sharon was involved in an accident and Liz again was taken to hospital suffering from pains in her legs but was released after getting medical aid.

This week she brought her plea for peace and understanding to Lebanese president Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Menachem Begin — in separate visits.

On New Year's eve she was the belle of the ball at a diplomats' party at the Tel Aviv Hilton, looking delectable in a shimmering, sinuous outfit and wearing an expensive array of jewelry. (Brooke Shields was also there.)

Liz is popular in Israel not only because she's a star but because she converted to Judaism in 1957 (when married to Mike Todd) and has been active in support of Israel and Jewish causes ever since. The current visit is her fourth to Israel.

There was near pandemonium at the Western Wall as a flock of mostly male photographers followed Taylor into the women's section. At her request, they stilled their cameras, enabling the superstar to have a moment of relative respite in religious contemplation beside the ancient stones.

She was here because she cares about Israel and she cares about peace, she told Ofira Navon, the wife of Israeli President Yitzhak Navon, who was her first appointment on arrival here.

Later in the day, she was Mayor Teddy Kollek's guest for a visit to an Akim home for slightly backward children, where, her nugget-sized diamond flashing on her finger, she petted and played with the somewhat overawed tots.

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Editorial

Delegates dine on hypocrisy

A witty observer once said that the steady diet of United Nations delegates was protocol, Geritol and alcohol.

He should have added — hypocritical.

La Rochefoucauld, the French moralist once defined hypocrisy as the "homage which vice pays to virtue."

This is the perfect way to characterize the scandalous posturing of the Communist, Third World and Arab blocs as they use the world assembly as an echo chamber of their obscene railing.

The scenario would be rejected as implausible if it were part of a fictional narrative. Here we have a group of nations representing totalitarian regimes which range from the tolerable to the intolerable, using the platforms of various UN agencies to mouth pieties about justice, peace and honor.

The most ironic aspect of this spectacle is that the delegates from the triangular bloc in question speak with a candor which none in their home country would ever dare to exercise.

At the UN they employ a stratagem — the majority vote, which is unknown among the totalitarian left — to railroad the world body into endorsing resolutions which are congenial to their tastes.

It would be too tedious to rehearse the inanities which the tripartite bloc has pushed through docile majority in recent years, but the Zionism equals Racism resolution is only the most obvious. Alan Gould, author of the Unorthodox List of Jewish Records, indicated that at one point in 1981 the Arabs and their allies were considering passing a resolution holding Israel responsible for the solar-lunar eclipse which had taken place shortly before.

Mr. Gould's story is apocryphal but it makes a good point.

The world's champion practitioners of hypocrisy have been very busy since the Lebanese war. Nothing, however, has been able to prepare us for the quantum jump in that art which the Arabs and their allies have executed in current UN debates. There, in an atmosphere that can only be described as Alice in Wonderland, delegates from Cuba, the Soviet Union, Syria and Iran have engaged in their ritualistic execration of Israel over that country's "aggression" in Lebanon.

Cuba, whose troops are 5,000 miles from the Caribbean intervening in Angolan affairs; the USSR, whose expeditionary force in Afghanistan is mired in guerrilla warfare against Muslim insurgents; Syria, whose army has occupied a foreign country for almost 10 years; Iran, whose mullahs alternate between executing dissident Iranians and Iraqi adversaries — these are the paragons of international virtue who have the affrontery to preach to Israel!

As Holden Caulfield said somewhat ungraciously in Catcher in the Rye, "It's enough to make you puke."

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Biographies of Sadat and Peres

Niagara of books on the Middle East

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

If you follow the Middle East closely, you may want to augment your knowledge by reading a trickle of the Niagara of books which flow unceasingly from the publishing houses of the world.

The books under review pertain largely to contemporary affairs and are worth reading because they are well written, pertinent — whether or not you agree with the view espoused — and provocative in varying degrees.

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The Arab Balance of Power [Syracuse University Press, $11.95 paper] is a thoughtful account of inter-Arab politics from the establishment of the Arab League in 1945 to the present.

Unfortunately for the author, Alan Taylor, a professor of international relations at the American University, The Arab Balance of Power was published several months prior to the war in Lebanon. Consequently, his analysis of the Lebanese crisis, and of the PLO, is somewhat dated.

A noted Middle East scholar, Taylor fills in the historical gray areas of regional nationalism, both in Egypt and in Syria, before offering us a consideration of Arab political development and the formation of Arab nationalism, such as it is.

Like other analysts, Taylor believes that the interplay of universalist and particularist forces characterize the nature of Arab politics. In theory, the Arabs desire unity. In practice, they either cannot achieve it or cannot sustain it, and Taylor documents this abject failure.

It is his contention that regionalism is the fundamental source of Arab disunity and, since 1945, the Arabs have been engaged in a series of debilitating rivalries over the question of leadership.

The most prominent of these feuds has been the struggle for hegemony between Egypt and the nations of the Fertile Crescent. This dispute, writes Taylor, has its roots in ancient and medieval times.

Taylor claims that, though the Arabs are preoccupied with achieving and maintaining a delicate balance of power, they have reached a turning point in their history, inasmuch as the prospects for co-operation are perhaps better than in the past.

His thesis is debatable, especially in light of the Arab paralysis in the face of Israel's challenge during the Lebanese war. But The Arab Balance of Power is, nevertheless, an interesting foray into a fascinating region.

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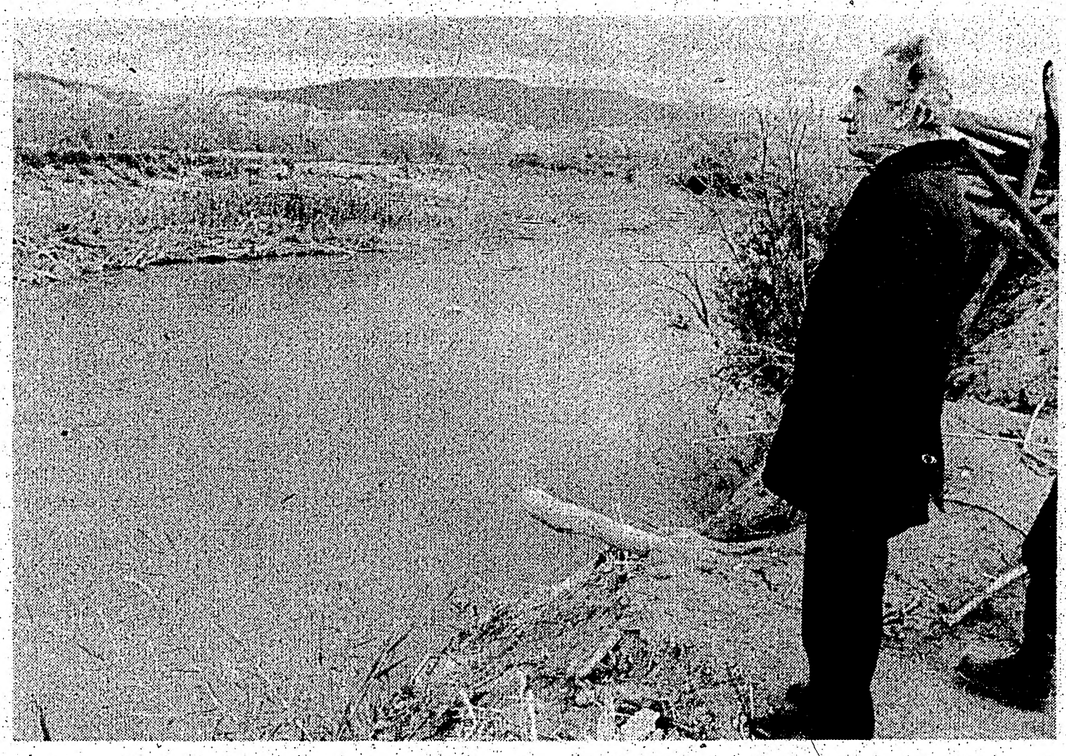
Shimon Peres, leader of the Labor Party, could well be the next Prime Minister of Israel if the ruling Likud coalition stumbles badly. For the present, he waits, biding his time, hoping to seize the main chance, if and when it comes.



Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's Labor Party, gazes wistfully at Jordan River. Peres is subject of a biography by journalist Matti Golan. [Uzi Keren photo]

As Matti Golan would lead us to believe in **Shimon Peres [McGraw-Hill Ryerson, $43.95]** Peres, whose inner strength was "nourished by hardship, boosted by helpless odds and galvanized by challenges," is perfectly capable of patiently waiting for his big moment in history.

Golan's biography, which is authorized, traces Peres' career from his days in the Haganah to the 1981 election. It is a lively book, full of shining nuggets of heretofore unknown information, and, as such, deserves perusal.

Peres felt he was mocked by history

Golan, the editor of Haaretz, reveals that Peres, as defence minister, proposed a partial Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, in return for a Soviet pledge to increase Jewish emigration significantly. He says that Peres accidentally dropped a top-secret document in a hotel and, that in response, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin crossed his name off the list of people to whom intelligence reports were circulated.

He writes that a Lebanese woman, babe in arms, inspired Peres to create the now-famous Good Fence.

He discloses how Peres felt "mocked by history" after watching Anwar Sadat embrace Menachem Begin in 1977.

He says he cried after learning that Yoni Netanyahu, one of the Entebbe commanders, had been killed in the operation.

He notes that a dreadfully grim day in his life occurred when a respected pollster told him that Rabin could better advance Labor's fortunes at the polls.

The problem with Golan's book is its lack of balance. He wrote it with the "full co-operation" of Peres, and Peres gave Golan unhindered access to his private papers. Theoretically, the approach isn't bad. Regrettably, the method isn't necessarily effective.

With few exceptions, Peres comes across as a sanitized politician. In treating Peres' feud with Rabin, Golan gives the former the benefit of the doubt. Rabin is a "pleasure-seeker," a man "estranged from the kibbutz movement and possessed of a brusque, arrogant demeanor."

By comparison, Peres is almost a saint.

A minor note on Golan's credentials: the dust jacket informs us that he was "minister of information at the Israeli embassy in Toronto." Unless I'm wrong, Israel's embassy is in Ottawa. Toronto may be an exciting, upbeat city, but Ottawa remains the capital.

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David Hirst and Irene Beeson do not admire Anwar Sadat, and this prejudice runs through the whole course of their biography, **Sadat [Oxford University Press, $29.95]**, billed as the first major biography of the late Egyptian leader.

At the hands of Hirst and Beeson, Sadat emerges as an anti-hero. They blame him for undertaking the disastrous Oct. 14, 1973 tank assault against the well-entrenched Israelis in the Sinai mountain passes; they claim he minimized Israel's counter-attack across the Suez Canal into the African side of Egypt; they argue that his post-war accommodationist diplomacy did the Arabs a real disservice; they characterize his separate peace with Israel as an "historic calamity" equal to Israel's establishment and the Six Day War.

The authors, both of whom are British journalists specializing in the Middle East, contend that Sadat, whom they compare to a clown, did not have much support for his domestic and international policies. "Having lost the Arabs, and deeply unsure of the Egyptians, President Sadat had only one real constituency left: America and the West."

They claim he was popular in Western countries because he made peace with Israel — a peace which caused his admirers to ignore, minimize or excuse repugnant flaws in his character.

"The infatuation for Anwar Sadat therefore represented the crossing of yet another threshold of irrationality — an irrationality which, the outgrowth of its love affair with Israel, has forever caused the West to pursue Middle East policies which run counter to its own interests."

Such, in general, is the tone of Sadat. Beautifully written, but basically polemical in nature, it represents an opinion rarely heard in North America.

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Arid and foreboding, the Arabain Peninsula looms over the Red Sea like a dominating fortress. Within its boundaries are Saudi Arabia, the two Yemens and the states along the Sea of Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

Saudi Arabia's antediluvian past

The Kingdom [Academic Press Canada, $25.95] is a journalistic cum-historical survey of Saudi Arabia and the House of Saud which rules it. **Arabia and the Gulf [Oxford University Press, $48.75]** is a picture book containing photographs tracing its history from 1880 to 1950.

Written by Robert Lacey, The Kingdom is as lucid an exposition of that desert nation as I have read. Lacey's Saudi Arabia is a primitive land bursting from its antediluvian past.

He claims that the Saudis are not threatened by Islamic upheaval, but admits that Saudi Arabia would probably disintegrate without the steadying influence of its present rulers.

Andrew Wheatcroft's coffee table volume, which offers a beguiling glimpse of what is essentially a medieval society struggling with the accoutrements of modernity, should be read in conjunction with The Kingdom. Only then do you really realize the enormous task facing the Saudis in their quest to modernize themselves.

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Opinion

Once....he was full of praise

Did Massey undergo change of mind about Jews?

By
RABBI BERNARD BASKIN

On Oct. 12, 1953, Vincent Massey, Governor-General of Canada, addressed the 10th Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto.

I was present on that auspicious occasion at the Royal York Hotel and can attest that His Excellency's appearance was heralded with rich ceremony and seemly pomp. His speech was punctuated on several occasions by sustained and enthusiastic applause. At its conclusion, the dignified and diffident orator received a standing ovation; encomiums were heaped upon him.

In his foreword to the brochure printed soon afterward by Congress which contains a copy of Massey's address, Samuel Bronfman, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, could hardly restrain his adulation:

"His Excellency's analysis of the relationship of the Jewish people to the country of which they are proud to be citizens constitutes, to our mind, an utterance upon the subject so profound, so sensitive, and so thorough, that it leaves nothing to be desired, and comes as the result of many years of fruitful meditation upon the great theme which has been his all-engrossing interest, 'what it means to be a Canadian.'

"His Excellency, reviewing Jewish history across time and space, has brought a special understanding to the role which our people have played, and play, in our country and our generation.

"In the vocabulary of our tradition there is a signal designation reserved for spirits great and noble, of whatsoever faith they be. They are called 'chassidai umoth ha-olam, the pious of the nations of the world,' and their status in the aristocracy of the elect is of the highest. The Thanksgiving address of the Governor-General of Canada establishes him firmly among the foremost of that illustrious company."

Governor-General Vincent Massey [centre] at Israel Bonds event with Israel's ambassador to Canada Yaacov Herzog and Mrs. Herzog.

Massey's address to members of Congress was an unqualified paean to the Jewish people and their remarkable contributions to civilization:

"They formed, one might say, a fruitful and a fertilizing stream. I shall discard the metaphor for a noble simile which must be familiar to all here. They were 'like a tree planted by the rivers of water.' One may speculate whether their remarkable contributions to arts and letters, philosophy and science may be attributed not only to their great tradition and special gifts, but in some measure to the peculiar and difficult character of the life they lived.

"The individual who is separate is invited to reflection. If he can respond to the invitation he must see more than other men see. And the Jews all the way down the ages from the great lawgivers and prophets have translated their poignant experiences in terms of astonishing clarity and beauty . . . Jews have enriched every people among whom they have dwelt as strangers."

And he was unsparing in his condemnation of the crimes of the Holocaust:

"It is a blot on the whole of our Western civilization and the symptom of a disease which has infected all of us more or less. It is perhaps the greatest case of moral retrogression that the world has known. It was a deed committed in the midst of Western society which knew and professed the principle of humanity, and of love which its members dared to call Christian love. It was a crime against the light and, in this, it constituted the true and ultimate blasphemy.

"Accepting, as we do, the principle of the oneness of humanity, no human being can contemplate it without a personal sense of shame."

These words and sentiments must come as a shock in the light of the revelations about Massey that emerge from the recent book None is Too Many by Irving Abella and Harold Troper.

The real Massey was an unvarnished anti-semite who, as Canada's high commissioner in London, prevented Jewish refugees in Europe from entering Canada during the tragic years of their greatest need.

As the authors point out, Massey recommended the admission to Canada of Sudeten Germans, Balts and other groups — but not Jews — to the government of Mackenzie King. A "fringe-member" of the pro-German Cliveden Set, he placed Jews at the bottom of the list as desirable Canadian citizens.

Questions abound: Did Vincent Massey undergo a profound change of heart and mind about Jews? Was he shaken by the Nazi depredations? Why did he agree to a speaking engagement that must have been unpleasant, if not distateful? Is it possible, in effect, to send refugees to their death, and yet admire Jews in the abstract? Are cynicism, callousness and hypocrisy to be expected in the realm of politics and diplomacy?

It is to wonder — and cry.

Memory of Holocaust abused

Morgentaler cartoon sparks cries of anti-semitism

By
ABRAHAM ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

La Liberte, the St. Boniface French-language weekly which recently published an anti-semitic cartoon of Dr. Henry Morgentaler, disclosed in an editorial (Dec. 10) that complaints about the cartoon have come from a number of Christians in addition to spokespersons of the Jewish community. The title of the offensive cartoon was "Un odeur d'Auschwitz dans l'air."

Dr. Morgentaler had announced that he plans to open abortion clinics in Ontario and Manitoba and had visited Winnipeg in connection with those plans. Attorney-General Roy McMurtry has stated that Morgentaler will be prosecuted if he attempts to open a clinic in Ontario.

The same editorial in La Liberte also stated: "It became necessary to recognize that there is no common denominator between the problem of abortion and the atrocities in the concentration camps."

The newspaper, however, has published no formal apology for the cartoon which has drawn criticism from many organizations and individuals.

The last word from the editor, Jean-Pierre Dube, appeared Dec. 17, when he wrote that those responsible for the paper have "recognized the reality of the anti-semitic interpretation made by members of the Jewish community."

However, the owners of the paper, the Societe Franco-Manitobaine, issued a public apology to "the group which felt itself wronged by a cartoon such as this," and dissociated itself from "the racist interpretation which could be attributed to this caricature."

A surprising disclosure in the Dec. 10 editorial was that supporters of the "pro-life" movement had wanted, for some time, to see a connection made between the proposed abortion clinic and the concentration camp. As a result, after the cartoon was first published, it was applauded by some pro-life representatives.

A few days later, however, faced with the more common reaction, the paper refused to allow the reproduction of the offending cartoon in other publications.

When editor Dube was interviewed by the general media after the cartoon was published, he asserted that the cartoon was not intended to be anti-semitic nor, in his view, did it make any specific statement . . . though he assumed full responsibility for it.

But the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties wrote a letter to the paper suggesting the editor "needs to be educated on what constitutes an anti-semitic and racist statement and a cartoon is an editorial statement."

A joint statement issued by the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights and the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council declared: "The Jewish community would like to think that the publication of this editorial cartoon had no anti-semitic intent. However, regretfully, it has had anti-semitic reverberations."

A statement from five faculty members of College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface expressed the fullest appreciation of Jewish concerns over the cartoon and criticized the editor for "profound ignorance of the effect . . . of the caricature . . . on the Jewish community.

The francophone professors called on La Liberte to apologize formally to the Jewish community. As noted above, this has not yet happened, but the paper has published numerous letters and statements critical of its stand on the offending cartoon.

A letter from a "Mme. Hessler" (Dec. 17) also took issue with St. Boniface Archbishop Antoine Hacault for describing Dr. Morgentaler as "un medecin etranger" (a foreign doctor) in an open letter criticizing the proposed abortion clinic and published on the same page as the anti-semitic cartoon.

Archbishop Hacault has so far failed to respond to the criticism but the parish priest of Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Pierre Gagne, addressed a letter to one of the St. Boniface professors, Raymond Hebert, claiming that La Liberte and la Societe Franco-Manitobaine had no reason to apologize to the Jewish community.

Mme. Hessler called the cartoon "shameful anti-semitism" and another letter writer, Valerie Jacqueline Ross, of Toronto, said that as a Christian and the mother of a young son, she was "horrified" by the cartoon and called it "outrageous."

Another critic of the cartoon is Georges Forest, the St. Boniface businessman whose case against a unilingual traffic ticket a few years ago went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada and resulted in Manitoba being declared a bilingual province. Forest attacked the cartoon for associating the entire Jewish community with the activities of one man. He also criticized the editor for showing no regret at having published it.

There appears to be some continuing difference over the issue between Maurice Peloquin, president of the paper's publishing company, Presse-Ouest, and Leo Robert, president of the Societe Franco-Manitobaine.

It is clear that the original La Liberte cartoon has helped to create a new anti-Jewish canard and it will require ongoing dialogue and discussion with the parties involved before it is laid to rest.

Letter to the editor

Public criticism damages Israeli security

We in the Western world have lived so comfortably for so long with relatively little serious threat to our existence that we really do not understand the dynamics of survival as it affects a beleaguered country like Israel.

And that is the problem. We judge by textbook formulae, whereas in the real world it is quite different.

Of course, every country should be held accountable for its actions; of course, we should feel free to speak out against Israeli policies as we do against those of Russia, Ethiopia or Syria especially as it affects treatment of Jews. And under normal conditions such opinions, constructively offered, would — as Dr. Philip Berger suggests (CJN Dec. 9) — be beneficial to Israel. (Although I can not agree that they would have the effect of neutralizing attacks against Israel.)

The problem is (and this is no platitude) that the world judges Israel (and Jews) differently than it judges all others. The unfortunate fact is that open criticism of Israel by ourselves buttresses the evil image which Arab propaganda promotes and Israeli policies, whether you agree with them or not are, in part, a defensive mechanism against a world which she perceives as insensitive to her security needs.

Criticism of Russia, on the other hand, is valid because its totalitarian system violates basic human rights guaranteed by a document to which Russia is a signatory. Such criticism does not threaten Russian security nor does it affect its global image.

If these same criteria were to apply to Israel then open expressions of disagreement might be considered constructive. However, I would not allow that they would be justified on grounds that Jews set such high standards for themselves. That is an internal and self-imposed dictate. The outside world must judge us by the same standards by which it judges others, otherwise there will be very little that we do that will ever warrant its approbation.

Was public opinion aroused when Syria slaughtered an estimated 20,000 Moslem fundamentalists in Hama? Is there a ripple of concern for the massacres of stunning savagery in Guatemala? Is the world shocked by the tens of thousands of civilians killed in the Iran-Iraqi war? Has there been any public outcry against the alleged torture of Palestinians by the Lebanese army?

The answer to all this is a resounding NO.

But let an Israeli soldier react in self-defence to a stone-throwing West Bank Palestinian and it will be condemned by the United Nations. (Slight exaggeration . . . but you know what I mean.)

The point is that until the world devises a system of accountability and of judgment equally applicable to and accepted by all nations we, as Jews concerned for the survival of Israel [and our own] must be doubly vigilant in protecting her image.

As a result, I insist that this requires that we do not PUBLICLY criticize Israeli policies. I am careful to emphasize that disagreement with Israel could (and perhaps should) be carried on internally and I would even suggest that some vehicle should be found to communicate effectively these differing views to Israel authorities. And so, I am far from advocating any form of censorship.

But would someone please tell me what purpose is served by voicing this criticism publicly other than personal gratification or aggrandizement?

— Max Goody
Toronto

World-National

Wiesel changes his mind

Massacre reporting an "orgy of condemnation"

By
ARNOLD AGES

MIAMI — Elie Wiesel, probably the world's most widely known Jewish writer, lecturer and essayist, has had some second thoughts about two issues with which he has been closely associated — Jacobo Timerman and the Beirut massacres.

In a recent interview here, Wiesel pointed out that he was one of the people who helped secure Timerman's release from jail in Argentina. "I went there and pleaded with the authorities," he said.

Israel, he added, was the country that offered Timerman asylum and thanks to her intervention, he was able to leave Argentina.

Wiesel feels that Timerman's latest book on Israel and his public denunciations of the nation that welcomed him are indications of the man's "shallowness" and ingratitude.

Words of criticism about other people do not come easily to Elie Wiesel and in the interview Timerman's name was the only specific one which prompted Wiesel's harsh response.

Wiesel is annoyed not only about Timerman's ungracious obiter dicta about Israel but about the latter's attempt to portray himself as a longtime Zionist and Jewish activist.

"In fact," he said, "when I went to Argentina to fight for Timerman's liberation, members of the Jewish community asked me why I was wasting my time on a person who had never displayed any Jewish loyalties.

"When Timerman occupied his position as editor of one of Buenos Aires' newspapers, he had no time for Jewish people or Jewish issues — that's what I was told by Argentinian Jews."

Wiesel has also undergone some changes with regard to his much publicized response to the Beirut massacres.

In articles for the New York Times and in other publications he had taken a mea culpa position, expressing the view that the indifference of certain Israeli commanders in Beirut at the time of the massacres showed an appalling lack of moral fibre in the Israeli system.

"I went so far as to suggest that this calamitous event meant that we had all failed as a people and that the time had come for a 'heshbon hanefesh,' a reckoning with our souls, to understand how such a thing had occurred."

Wiesel's sense of sadness and guilt over the Beirut killings soon gave way to dismay as the press reported with a kind of jubilant solemnity every detail of the Beirut tragedy.

"The reaction of the world to the Beirut disaster was an orgy of condemnation of Israel which was actuated not by a sincere desire to get at the truth but rather by a wish to wipe the slate clean . . . to diminish the effects of the Holocaust.

"The world seemed to dote on the feeling that now that the Jewish people had been involved [even indirectly] in a brutal event, the Holocaust could now be pushed into the background. There was a sense of relish in the condemnations that flowed in against Israel."

Wiesel happened to be in Israel in June of 1982 when the Lebanese invasion occurred. His first inkling that something had transpired was when he heard an Israeli announcer preface a new report by saying: "And now from our reporter in Beirut. . . ."

Reflecting on the war as he witnessed it, Wiesel indicates that there were unprecedented happenings.

"For one thing, the TV coverage was extraordinary; everything was telecast in graphic collages. Debates among soldiers during the fighting itself (an unheard of thing during a war) were also broadcast.

"The thing that struck me most about Israel during the war, however, was the corporate sense of sadness that inhabited the land. This was a war that split the people; there was no complete consensus this time.

"Something which I found to be especially unsavory was the organized tours which made their way to Beirut carrying Israeli and foreign 'mission people.' Here was a city in the process of being mutilated — this was not something to gawk at."

Wiesel punctuated his comment about the tours to Beirut by quoting a Midrashic line about the Egyptians who perished in the Red Sea at the time of the Exodus: "My creatures are drowning in the sea, and you sing songs of joy," — these words imputed to God came to Wiesel's mind with regard to the curious onlookers in Beirut.

In his conversations with Israeli soldiers Wiesel got a sense of the frustration and anger that many were experiencing. "I have close relatives who participated in the war and one in particular told me of the great respect which the Israeli soldiers had for the PLO — something which they do not have for the Lebanese Christians."

With regard to the moral issues involved in the war itself, Elie Wiesel chooses not to be judgmental.

"When it comes to security matters I try not to second guess the military people. Who am I to tell Israel what it should do when it comes to protecting the country?

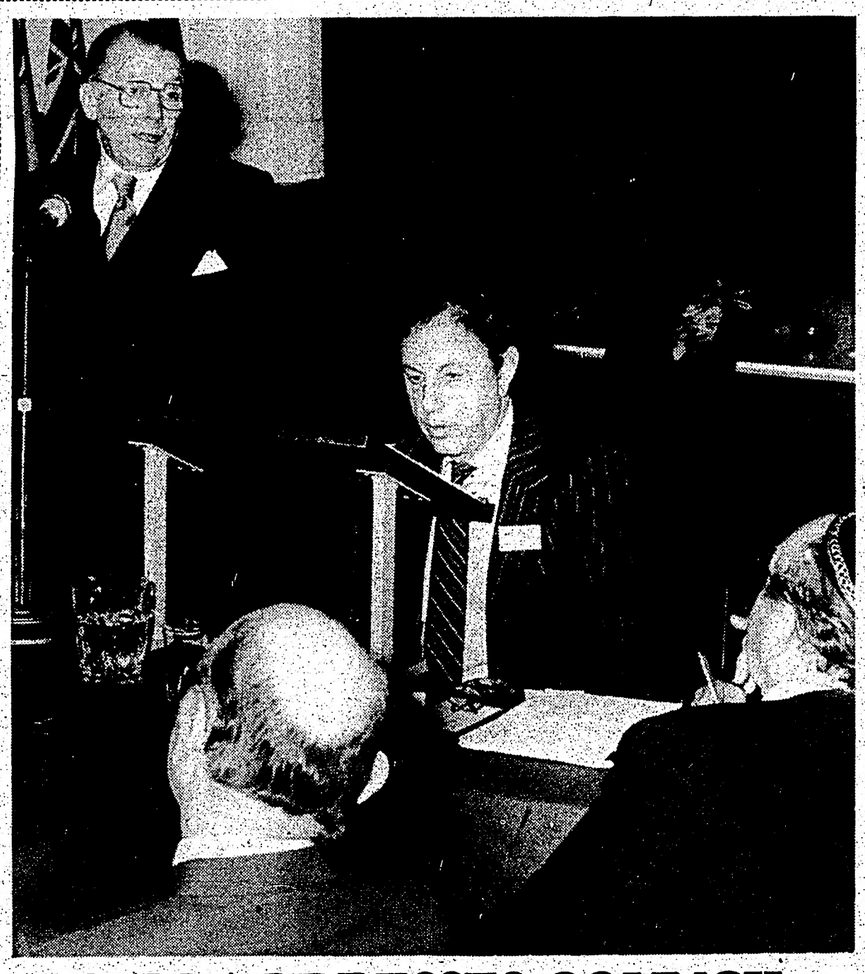
"What I am prepared to say, however, is that unlike many other Jews, I do believe in a double standard. For me Israel has to be better than other nations; Israel cannot just be another state in the world. It must have a higher sense of moral priorities than other political entities."

Wiesel tries to impart these priorities in the books, articles and essays he writes. His most recent writing exercise is a collection on Jewish themes just published in France (Editions du Deuil). The book, called Paroles d'etranger (Words of a Stranger) deals with many Israeli themes and in it Wiesel says: "If Israel had not come into existence, I might never have written anything."

Two other Wiesel books (all written laboriously by hand during a 16-hour working day) will be appearing in the next little while. A study of Talmudic masters will be out shortly. In addition Wiesel is busy at work on what he calls "an experimental novel" called Le cinquieme fils, (The Fifth Son) which, according to the author "is more like my novel A Beggar in Jerusalem, than some of my other writings."

There are new developments in Wiesel's career. He has accepted an unprecedented second appointment to an endowment university chair. In addition to his professorship at Boston University, Wiesel is now also a professor at Yale University where he occupies the Henry Luce [of Time Magazine fame] chair of humanities.

A second development is connected to a project which Wiesel is working on to sponsor a world conference on anti-semitism to be held at Yale in 1984. The conference will run for three days under the partial auspices of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Commission. Scholars from all over the world will be in attendance.



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World-National

Delegate reports on positive aspects of parley

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

"Zionists are emotional people. So emotions ran very high. But it would be a mistake to leave the impression that the congress was all shouting and heckling and fist-waving. Despite the ruckus, a lot of positive things were achieved."

Pearl Mekler returned to Toronto last week from the 30th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, intent on putting this clarification of the stormy events there on the record. It's important to her, because Mekler, an articulate, Toronto-born woman, has strong roots in the Zionist movement.

She was chosen to be one of Canada's official delegates at the congress because she is national president of Pioneer Women Na'amat, and hence spokeswoman for the 3,000 members who belong to the women's Labor Zionist organizations of Canada.

"But I've been raised on Labor Zionism virtually from the cradle," she told The Canadian Jewish News in an interview.

Her father, Abraham Freeman, now 89, started the still flourishing Freeman Formal Rental wear store on Yonge St. and co-founded the Farband Folk School on Cecil St., which was the forerunner of the present Bialik Hebrew Day School.

As a girl, she remembers being taken to Zionist meetings where her mother, Sarah, introduced her to David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir and other luminaries. Later she was an ardent member of Habonim, the Labor Zionist youth movement, where she met her husband, Charles, a Toronto pharmacist.

She dreamed of visiting Israel, inspired by the pioneering of her paternal grandparents and three uncles who helped build Petach Tikva, one of the first settlements in Palestine. She has since visited Israel six times.

On her trip last month as one of 650 delegates from around the world, she acknowledges she was "appalled and sickened" by the outbreak of fisticuffs and partisan taunting by various factions in the Binyanei Ha'ooma Convention Hall.

But she thinks the political conflicts were unfairly reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. She says the news agency neglected to mention that Prime Minister Menachem Begin's speech was delivered in its entirety without any heckling.

"Fortunately, all parties agreed in advance that the office, as well as the person, deserved respect and courtesy," she says.

She also takes the news agency to task for claiming that Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party, "pushed through" a resolution calling for territorial compromise with all of Israel's Arab neighbors and an end to West Bank settlement.

Pearl Mekler

What happened, she says, is that the Labor Zionist faction presented a minority resolution to that effect that was voted on democratically by a show of delegates' cards.

"The majority of the delegates voted in favor of this resolution," she says. "But the chairman, Leon Dulzin, refused to accept a resolution critical of the Israeli government's settlements policy. He suggested that they 'apparently did not understand the resolution.'

"There was no recount and a recess was called. It was all rather high-handed."

A compromise resolution was finally hammered out by a so-called goodwill committee, which made vague generalizations and concluded "the congress could not agree on settlement issues."

Mekler thinks this impasse was regrettable, but she regrets even more the impression conveyed that the congress could not agree on anything.

In fact, she says, the congress wound up agreeing on these issues:

- Agreement on the need for a viable peace based on secure and defensible borders for Israel.
- Agreement on the centrality of Israel.
- Agreement on the importance of Jewish education and hasbara (promotion).
- Agreement on continued efforts to free oppressed Jews in distressed lands.

"Finally, there was unanimous agreement on the urgent need for aliya," she says. "In all my years growing up with the Zionist movement, I've never felt so profoundly the need for immigration to Israel by people from developed countries. If my three children expressed the wish to settle in Israel, you can bet they'd get my full support."

See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil — that's what these delegates to the World Zionist Congress seem to be suggesting, as the noisy and often rowdy parley comes to a close. But the memory of the event lingers on . . . as you can read in the interviews on this page with Canadian delegates. [IPPA photo].

Israelis are blamed for most of heckling at Zionist Congress

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The Israeli delegates, especially the anti-government factions, were responsible for most of the shouting and heckling that marred the 30th World Zionist Congress held last month in Jerusalem.

That was the conclusion of Lily Frank, executive vice-president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and the organization's alternative delegate, who returned here last week deploring the "heavy politicization" of the congress.

"What we witnessed was a session of the Knesset — it was Labor versus Likud throughout," said Frank, whose own hasbara commission meetings were turned into a heated exchange on the future of the West Bank.

"I found the Israelis were not interested in the problems of the Diaspora," Frank said. "Diaspora Jews came back more frustrated, more confused, and less united than when they went."

Ben Milner, national president of Herut in Canada and one of its two delegates, called for a complete change in the top leadership of the World Zionist Organization.

"We need a leader who will represent the totality of the Jewish people, in Israel and the Diaspora — someone who will have the respect and admiration of all," he said.

Milner was dismayed by the greater emphasis placed on gaining power at the congress than on Zionism itself.

"Many good resolutions went into the garbage, others were pushed through," he said. "But only one resolution can we be 100% sure of: there will be another congress, because for most of the delegates going to congresses is like going to synagogue on High Holidays. . . .

"Most of the time was spent wheeling and dealing behind the scenes and not enough on bringing the congress up to date."

All Zionist groupings, according to Milner, should be like a "beautiful symphony orchestra playing together under one leader."

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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MIZRACHI MELAVE MALKA

Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Men's Organization of Toronto will host a maleveh malka on Saturday evening, Jan. 15 at the Ulpanot Orot, 45 Canyon Ave., Downsview. Guests will be **David Kay**, newly arrived shaliach of B'nei Akiva, and **HaRav Yosef Avior**, rosh yayeshiva of Yeshivot Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot.

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"Perhaps you can give us names and addresses of Jewish families who lived in Lampertheim, Hessen, at the time of the Nazi regime. We would like to contact these people and interview them on how they lived and what they experienced at that time. It would be very kind of you if you would give us your help."

The address is Postflach, M55, 6840 Lampertheim, Hessen, West Germany.

NUCLEAR AWARENESS

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For lunch reservations (on Sunday) and more specific details call **Roger Hyman** or **Sandy Wise**, 781-9185.

ISRAEL SERIES

Global Television's That's Life series which is currently focusing on Israel, presents Bedouin Doctor, on Monday, Jan. 10 and Topol, on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Both features are segments of programs which begin at 7 p.m. on channel 22, cable 3.

Bedouin Doctor tells the story of **Yunis Abu Rabia**, the first Bedouin to dedicate his life to medicine. He operates a clinic in Tel Sheva where he treats only his own people. He is a vocal spokesman for his community in political affairs.

Topol, of course, is the actor who gained international acclaim for the starring role in the film, Fiddler on the Roof. As he walks on the beach at Tel Aviv, he reveals his commitment to his native Israel. Topol recently gave up a lead role in a **Lina Wertmuller** film starring **Sophia Loren**, to fight for his country in Lebanon.

U OF T SYMPHONY

On Saturday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in the MacMillan Theatre, 80 Queens Park Cres. (behind the McLaughlin Planetarium) the University of Toronto Symphony orchestra under the baton of conductor **Victor Feldbrill**, will perform works by Weinzweig, Mozart and Berlioz.

BETH SHOLOM

Lawyer **Mendel Green** will speak about Nazi War Criminals and Canadian Law at the next meeting of Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillen Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., Sunday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. The public is invited. There is a nominal charge.

Chairman is **Alderman Ben Nobleman**; co-chairman is **Norris King**.

BINGO ON JAN. 15

The Toronto Jewish Society of Hearing Impaired is holding a bingo on Jan. 15. Games start 7:15 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

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Congregation B'nai Avraham, north side of Hwy. 7, west of McCowan Rd., is holding a meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., to discuss the formation of a sisterhood. **Margo Grossbein** from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, will be guest speaker.

The congregation resumes its adult education program Monday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. and continues every second and fourth Monday. The Mishnah is currently under study.

For more information call **Marilyn Kartash**, 475-7687.

JERUSALEM TOUR

Canadian ambassador to Israel Vernon Turner [right] is seen with William Martens, general manager of Jerusalem Plaza Hotel and some of the children of the Canadian embassy staff during a 1-day tour of Jerusalem. They lunched in the hotel, which is managed by Canadian Pacific.

HELP THE HANDICAPPED

Centennial Nursery School in the Yonge and Lawrence area, needs volunteers to work one-to-one with handicapped pre-schoolers in its nursery school program and/or Tuesday morning swim program. Volunteers are required to give a minimum of three hours a week, and must have an interest in special children. On-the-job training and regular meetings with staff are provided.

For further information contact the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

ART COMPETITION

The North York Arts Council announces a competition open to all North York residents, to select works of art for the mayor's office. These would ideally depict landmarks which could disappear as the city grows, or would focus on some particular aspect of the city's life which is worthy of recording for posterity.

Three pieces will be selected, with each successful artist receiving a purchase award of $700. Works submitted must be suitably framed and may be in any of the following media: oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, pen and ink or photography.

Official entry forms provided by the North York Arts Council may be obtained from the office at 211 Cameron Ave., the Civic Centre, North York public libraries, Koffler Gallery and community centres.

Entry forms must be returned to the North York Arts Council by Feb. 11, and the works of art to be submitted must be ready by mid-May. Specific information and guidelines are on the entry form.

TEMPLE SINAI CONCERT

The annual **Ruth Mendelsohn** Memorial Concert, part of the Musical Legacy series at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., takes place at an Oneg Shabbat Concert in the Round, Friday, Jan. 14, and features music of noted Jewish composers performed by a trio of gifted artists: oboist **Lawrence Cherney**, violinist **Moshe Hammer**, and pianist **Mark Widner**. The service begins at 8 p.m., and the concert follows.

CHILDREN'S HEBREW SCHOOL

There are several spaces available in an advanced Hebrew program for children who have had several years of day school, or who have studied in Israel. Your child may attend the Tuesday program at APS/North Prep School (funded by Toronto Board's Hebrew Heritage program) and/or the Thursday program at the downtown JCC. Both programs are two hours long, and run after school hours. For more information, call **Joan Schoenfeld** 923-6213, or **Laura Weintraub**, 469-1207 (evenings).

NCSY CONCERT

NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, announces its 3rd annual concert to be held Sunday evening, Jan. 21, 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St.

Featured performers are **Shelly Lang, Yoel Sharabi**, and the **Ruach** orchestra. Tickets are $9 for adults, $5 for students. Group and sponsor tickets are available on request. Tickets may be purchased at Negev Bookstore, Israel's Judaism Centre or by phoning NCSY, 782-3117.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, announces the opening of a free Jewish high school program. Commencing Jan. 11, the Free Jewish High School will conduct classes every Tuesday from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The classes, which are geared to the Jewish public high school student, will deal with basic concepts in Jewish life and idetity.

The first semester of seven consecutive Tuesday evenings will begin on Jan. 11. Director of the program is Rabbi **Ira Berman**. Refreshments will be served.

For details and registration, call NCSY, 782-3117.

TEMPLE HAR ZION

Dr. **Martin Gelfand** recently conducted a special adult lay service for Shabbat at Temple Har Zion, assisted by his daughter **Mindy**, and **Herb Cooper**. **Arch Rotenberg** read poetry which he had written specifically for the service, and **Ray Havelock** delivered the D'var Torah. **Terry Marks** involved the children in candlelighting.

Earlier in the evening, over 400 children and parents participated in Temple Har Zion's monthly service arranged for pre-bar and bat mitzvah children. Rabbi **Michael Stroh** and **Cantor Martin Steinhouse** officiated.

Temple Har Zion recently held a Shabbat afternoon family discussion for teams and adults to consider What Adaptations, If Any, Must a Jew Make to Live in Predominantly Christian Canada and Yet Maintain One's Jewishness? A lively dialogue led by **Ray Havelock**, drew comments from all age levels.

TOUR OF ISRAEL

Members of Adath Sholom Synagogue invite you to join them and their rabbi, **David Cooper**, on a grand tour of Israel. The 2- or 3-week trip is planned for either May or October. A meeting to formulate plans is set for Tuesday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., near Wilmington. If you are unable to attend, call 635-0131.

Rabbi Cooper will conduct a free 10-week crash course in Hebrew reading and basic prayers at the synagogue, starting Thursday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. To attend, phone 635-0131.

A karate and self-defence course is slated for Adath Sholom Synagogue Monday nights, commencing Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. sharp. Classes will be instructed by **Ralph Hofbauer**. A coffee hour follows. Cost is $15 for 10 weeks. Call the office, 635-0131, or drop in and join the group.

RETURNING ISRAELIS

An informational meeting sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre and the Ayalah Organization (the organization for returning Israelis) is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 8 p.m. in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Ami Shacham, who is in charge of the North American desk for helping Israelis returning to Israel, will be present, as well as the Israeli consul of Toronto, **Chaim Divon**.

AT THE JCC

Bloor JCC registration is still open for adult courses in art, pottery, and beginner's Hebrew.

The bridge club meets every Tuesday evening, 7-10 o'clock, in the upper lounge. There is free instruction for beginners. All levels are welcome.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m., JCC is starting a book club with meetings every two weeks to discuss, in an informal atmosphere, works selected by the group.

For additional information on any of the above, contact **Mark**, 924-6211, ext. 37.

At the North-East branch, JCC, Music-makers (Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.), Let's Make Believe (Wednesdays, 1.15-2.15 p.m.), and Shabbat Shalom (Fridays, 1.30-3 p.m.), all have openings for 3-to 5-year-olds, starting the week of Jan. 3, and offer youngsters an exciting and educational afternoon.

Jazz dance, recorder, crafts, puppetry, cooking and gym are after school activities offered to children 6 to 11 years.

For information on all of these programs, call **Linda Friedman**, 889-0813.

The North-East Women Over 40 Group will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles). The speaker will be **Donna Kaplan**, who will comment on National Techniques to Self-Healing. New and prospective members are welcome. To RSVP, call **Susanne Levinne**, 889-0813.

The North-East Couples Over 40 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, when **Dr. Darryl Bonder** will explain The Use of Horses in Cancer Research. All new and potential members are welcome to RSVP. Call **Susanne Levine**.

PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) presents more Topics Unlimited at the **Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St.,** Koffler Centre of the Arts.

On Sunday, Jan. 9 from 9.30 a.m.-noon, in the Leah Posluns Auditorium, **Prof. Elaine Newton** will review the book, The Hotel New Hampshire. The same evening, 7.30-9.30, **Dr. Robert Mendelsohn** will give an update on Alternative Medicine, also in the Leah Posluns Auditorium.

On Monday, Jan. 10, 12.30-2 p.m. in the teen lounge, **Donna Kaplan** will discuss Macrobiotics, Oriental Healing and Judaism.

To inquire further call **Georgine Nash**, 636-1880, ext. 33, 43 or 15.

FOR SENIORS

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program provides an opportunity for emotional support for the recently bereaved. Through one-to-one contact with another widow, and/or twice monthly group meetings, you may share experiences and learn to adjust to a new lifestyle.

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Organizations and People

WINNING DESIGN

Deborah Segal, 12, a grade 7 student of the junior high Associated Hebrew Schools, was a grand award winner of the North York Public Library Children's Book Festival design-a-bookmark contest. The certificate states: "Your bookmark will be printed and personalized with your name and distributed to the people of North York through the library system."

FIRST HEBREW U CHANCELLOR

Hebrew University president Avraham Harman [standing] will become the university's first chancellor, and rector Don Patinkin [second from left] will become the new president in May. Harman was Israel's first consul-general in Montreal and was ambassador to the U.S. from 1959 to 1968.

What's New

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Group co-ordinator **Helen Brown** will extend a warm welcome at the meetings every second Sunday noon — 1.30 p.m. in rooms A&B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Next meeting is Jan. 9.

This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required. If you would like more information, call 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Winner of **Beth Sholom Seniors'** raffle draw for a 10-day holiday in Florida was M. Khiryk, 175 Hilda Ave. Congratulations!

Senior Adults are invited to attend the weekly meetings at the **JCC Bloor branch** (corner of Spadina) Thursdays, at 2 p.m. The program includes lectures and films on Jewish themes.

A program co-sponsored by **Shalom Village** and Jewish Social Services, commences at the home, Monday, Jan. 10, and continues on a weekly basis. It will feature a lunch followed by mosaic crafts, and for the gamblers, a game of bingo. The address is 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton. Phone 528-5377 or 523-7428. On Jan. 12, 1-3 p.m. Shalom Village offers a slide presentation on Holland, and on Jan. 13, at 7.30 p.m., Dutch dance groups will entertain.

North-East Jewish Seniors Club welcomes all senior citizens in the community to its programs. January meetings will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. every Monday at the Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. (north of Finch Ave.). Included are oil painting classes, English for Everyday Use, and a social hour with bingo, rummykube, and fitness to music, plus a film or speaker. Bring a sandwich or salad for lunch. For details call 889-0813.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 1.15 p.m., **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club** will view the slide presentation, A Visit To Prague, given by the congregation's assistant rabbi, **Lawrence Troster**. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and cake will be served. Non-members of club, $1.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

At the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., Wednesday afternoon general meeting and social program, 1.15 p.m., **Rabbi Moses Burak** will investigate Halacha and Modern Man — a realistic look at the laws of our people.

SINGLES

Jewish Community Centre Singles [35-49] will present the second of four evenings of Great Movie Classics on Monday, Jan. 10 at 7.45 p.m., room 203, 4588 Bathurst St. The film, How Green Was My Valley, will be shown. Coffee and conversation follow. There is a refreshment fee only.

Jewish Community Singles [25-35] invite you to join in for a games night, Sunday, Jan. 9, 7.30 p.m. in the main lobby of the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Bring your favorite board game with you. For more information call **Ruth Goodman**, 636-1880, ext. 31.

Solelim and Adath Sholom Singles [20-40] are co-sponsoring a brunch, Sunday, Jan. 9, 11.30 a.m. in Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., near Wilmington. **Francine Storm**, a representative of Jewish Family & Child Service will discuss Sexual Relationships — How Do I Know When I Have Met the Right Mate? Cost is $5. For further information call **Stan**, 663-8250, **Simmy**, 656-1322, or **Sheldon**, 653-1381.

Project Connect is a success and hopes to reach even more Jewish singles in 1983. The switchboard is staffed by trained volunteers available to help during a crisis, or to provide emotional support, information, referrals and details of Jewish Singles' activities.

Project Connect assists groups wishing to advance calendar important dates and publicizes scheduled functions/services.

Give Project Connect a call. The goal is to integrate and co-ordinate Jewish singles services in Greater Toronto. For more information call the switchboard, 497-4494 or 497-4393, Monday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Young Professional Club [27-40] invites all singles and single parents to register for the upcoming party season. For information, call **Sheldon**, 653-1381.

Selected Singles is organizing a party for the over 25s, to be held at the Celebration Palace, formely O'Neil's Dinner Theatre, in the Vaughan Grove Plaza, 72 Steeles Ave. W., Sunday, Jan. 9, at 8 p.m. For more information phone 889-6083.

Rabbi David Cooper of **Adath Sholom Synagogue**, is planning a singles trip to Israel for the month of July. All singles 25-40 are welcome to join. A meeting will be held at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., near Wilmington, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., to discuss the itinerary. If you are unable to attend or need further information, call Rabbi Cooper, 635-0131, **Stan**, 663-8250, or **Simmy**, 656-1322.

NE SINGLE PARENTS

The North-East Jewish Single Parent Group will be attending a Las Vegas Night Casino on Saturday, Jan. 8, 6 p.m. at the Skyline Hotel, 655 Dixon Rd., in the International Room. Admission is $5 per person. For information, call **Kel**, 222-1757, or **Susanne Levine**, 889-0813.

On Sunday, Jan. 9 at 2.30 p.m. there will be family bowling at York Bowl. To RSVP, call **Betty**, 221-2055, **Sherin**, 665-3354, or **Susanne Levine.**

The Women's Discussion Group will meet Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 8.45 p.m. Chartered accountant **Anne Levinoff** will talk about Taxes and How to Save Money. For more details and to RSVP, call **Judy**, 491-2736, or **Susanne Levine.**

About People

"DEEPLY HONORED"

At the annual Christmas party at the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv, **Judith Liber,** harpist for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, performed harp transcriptions of Erev Ba and Ereve Shel Shoshanim, in addition to traditional Christmas carols. She introduced **Jeanette Goldhar** of Toronto as the arranger of these songs. Says Mrs. Goldhar: "I was deeply honored that she chose to perform them that night and in that place."

NAMED TO ORDER

Named recently as Officers of the Order of Canada are Toronto lawyer **A. Alan Borovoy,** general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, and **Allan Gotlieb,** Canada's ambassador to the United States.

"WONDROUS WOMEN"

Under the heading, "Wondrous Women," the January issue of Chatelaine Magazine lists outstanding Canadian women who made news during the past year. Among them was **Judy Feld Carr** who "became the first woman president of Toronto's Beth Tzedec, Canada's largest synagogue." Chatelaine's choice as Woman of the Year was **Judy Erola**, federal minister of state for mines and minister responsible for the status of women.

Some of the others included in the "wondrous women list" were **Bertha Wilson**, named the first woman Supreme Court of Canada justice; **Debbie Brill**, champion high jumper; **Iona Campagnolo**, first female national president of the Liberal Party; **Christina McCall-Newman**, who wrote an otustanding book on Canada's Liberal Party, Grits; **Sheila Copps**, MPP for Hamilton Centre, who finished a strong second in the race for the Liberal leadership in Ontario; **Constance R. Glube**, who was appointed Chief Justice of the trial division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, the first woman to be named a chief of a court under federal jurisdiction.

"There is an exquisite pleasure in acknowledging the accomplishments of these bright dynamic women . . . bravo all!" comments **Mildred Istona**, Chatelaine editor, who signed the article.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in the Bathurst/Wilson area offers a swim program for its residents on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Volunteers are needed on a 1-to-1 basis to assist the seniors in simple water exercises and basic swimming techniques in the warm, shallow therapeutic pool.

The volunteers do not have to be able to swim and no strenuous lifting is required.

Other recreational and visiting programs with staff support provided will begin this month for those who find evenings and weekends a more convenient time to volunteer.

Mature teens and adults with an interest in working with the elderly are asked to call the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

Volunteer nursery assistants are needed by the **Metropolitan Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded** (MTAMR) in the Dublin Nursery at Bayview & Cummer.

If you are physically able, empathetic and understanding to pre-schoolers, who have special needs, and can volunteer a minimum of a morning weekly (Monday to Friday) in arts and crafts, games, songs and life skills program, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194. Seniors welcome.

PARENT SHARING

The **Reena Foundation** will present the third evening in a series of informative programs for parents of mentally handicapped people, entitled P.S. (Parent Sharing). The session on Jan. 6 focuses on how parents feel when their mentally handicapped child leaves home for an alternative living situation.

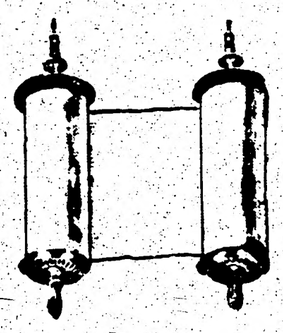
The time is 7.45 p.m. and the place, the Reena board room at 1111 Finch Ave. W., suite 158.

For more information contact **Brenda Rothenberg**, 665-8035.

YOUTH COMMISSION REP

Anne Strom [centre] of Toronto represented B'nai B'rith Women at the recent BB Youth Commission meeting in Washington. With her are Judy Altenberg, international n'siah of BB Girls and Adam Petrovsky, grand aleph godol of AZA. Strom was elected vice-president of the commission, which oversees the operation of the international Jewish youth organizations.

Organizations and People



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Shemot

Exile eats away at the Jewish fabric. We must strengthen our Yiddishkeit until Redemption comes.

A free-thinker taunted the Malbim. "Rabbi, is it ever possible to smoke on the Sabbath?"

"Certainly," answered the Malbim, "by smoking with a **shinui** — not the normal manner."

"How is that possible?" asked the free-thinker.

"By putting the lighted end in your mouth," he answered quickly.

This week begins the second book of the Torah — Shemot. The word Shemot is made up of four letters — shin, mem, vav, and tuf.

The rabbis interpreted it as an acronym for "Shnayim Mikra V'echad Targum," that each week, a Jew should review the parsha twice in the original Hebrew, and once in the Targum translation. According to the mystics, this review annoints a person with the great holiness of Sabbath.

But it's strange — if the Torah wanted to hint that a Jew should review the parsha weekly, why did the hint first appear in the **second** book of the Torah, why not right away in Bereshit?

Explains the Otzar Chaim: The second book of the Torah, deals with the Jews' exodus from Israel. They were no longer in the Hebrew-speaking Holy Land, but in a foreign country.

The Al-mighty was saying: "I know that you will be speaking a foreign tongue, but please — still make Hebrew the most important language. Shnayim mikra v'echad targum. When you review the parsha, make it twice in Hebrew and once in a foreign tongue, and not vice versa. Don't make Hebrew secondary."

Jews have had many languages they've adapted, used, loved. But only Lashon Hakodesh, the Holy Tongue, has remained the eternal language of a Holy People.

The story of the exodus begins: "And these are the names of the Children of Israel — ha'baim Mitzraimah — who came into Egypt." Interesting . . . the Hebrew for came is "habaim," which literally means "who are coming." Not came, but coming. Why?

Says Reb Yisachar Dov of Belz: It teaches that throughout the long stay in Egypt, the Jews never felt themselves that they were part of the strange land. They were always "coming," just recent arrivals, visitors. Their hearts and thoughts were in the holy atmosphere of Eretz Yisrael. Egypt was just a passing phase.

We must remain strong Jews. A certain maggid had a reputation for being a great speaker, but did not keep the mitzvot properly. Reb Chaim of Brisk did not allow him to speak at the pulpit.

"Why not?" he demanded of Reb Chaim. "All my sermons are based on Talmud and other proper sources?"

Answered Reb Chaim: "When a kosher animal is slaughtered properly, inspected, soaked, salted 100% and then is cooked in a treif pot, the meat remains treif."

May the Messiah come soon.

Shabbat Shalom.

Bernard Betel Centre

New health services for seniors

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A low vision clinic will be opened at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living in the spring under the co-sponsorship of the Samuel Harris Baker Foundation.

It will provide visually impaired people with the technical aids to enable them to maximize what vision they have. The clinic will be the second pilot project of its kind in Metropolitan Toronto.

Other new health services planned for the Centre in the next few months include a cancer information program and a breast cancer screening clinic.

A public health nurse will be available for the first time starting Jan. 6, and every Thursday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Plans for the future include psychiatric outpatient services and a dental treatment plan.

"We are moving towards a goal of being a complete community health centre," Randi Fine, part-time coordinator of health services, told The CJN. "We want to keep people out of institutions. Our clinics are open to everyone, not just members of the Centre."

Funding for the new services is being worked out with the Ontario ministry of health. The ministry, in fact, took the initiative in proposing an extension of the Centre's health services. A committee headed by Doris Lipson and including many Centre members is planning integration of the new services.

In the past year 550 people visited the podiatry clinic and 800 the chiropractic clinic. Another 120 had blood pressure readings taken, 90 took advantage of the hearing clinic, and 40 got help with their dentures.

The clinics are so popular with the 2,600 members and people in the surrounding community, that there is a waiting period of six weeks to two months.

Nutrition counseling is another service, while referrals to Branson Hospital are made, when necessary, for diabetics. Soon an information program will be started on Alzheimer's Disease.

"It's just amazing what it does for the health and spirits of people who can come in and have their toenails trimmed, or receive treatment for an ache in their backs from the chiropractor," Mrs. Fine said.

All medical services are covered by OHIP without extra charge from the practitioners.

Fine said it is important for elderly people to be able to attend clinics in their own backyard, and not have to go all the way downtown. The bus stops right at the door of the Centre on Steeles Ave., near Bathurst St.

One of the services most needed, in Fine's opinion, is dental treatment as many people find private dentists beyond their means. Talks are now under way with the ministry to set up such a plan.

Another new development is a 6-week course beginning Jan. 20 on health care for seniors, with a registration fee of $5. It will take place on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon under the following headings: Maintaining Health, Arthritis, Heart Disease, Wise Use of Drugs, Care of Feet and Emergency First Aid.

The aim of the community health concept is to have doctors available at the centre every day, Fine said.

A health fair will be held in August, as in the past five years, coinciding with the publication of a health newsletter in English, Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian and Hungarian.

The Centre takes part in the postal alert program under which postmen report any unusual mail pile-up at residences in the area. It is also a partner in the Vial of Life project which provides an orange sticker on the refrigerator giving the location of a tube which has basic health information about the occupant . . . in case of emergency.

Help on income tax, legal services, banking information and housing is also provided at the Centre.

The Centre is pushing forward eagerly into its new health services, Fine said. "Some of these elderly people go to their doctors and are told, 'you are 80 years old, what do you expect?' That's not good enough to live on these days."

Mizrachi backs youth village

TORONTO — Neve Michael, a children's and youth village in Pardess Chana, Israel, is the latest project of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Canada-Emunah.

It is a home and school for boys and girls from deprived and disadvantaged families. A number of orphans are also residents.

The junior program for boys and girls, 6 to 12, covers grades 1-6. The children live in dormitories supervised by counselors. The teenage program is for girls from 14-17 in grades 9-12, who are being trained as aides to kindergarten teachers, counselors, nurses and youth centres.

A formal program of religious studies is followed. In addition, Neve Michael offers a wide-ranging extracurricular program.

Student scholarships and endowment funds are being established.

A reception to launch the project was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Orfus, 108 Vesta Drive. For information call 635-9847.

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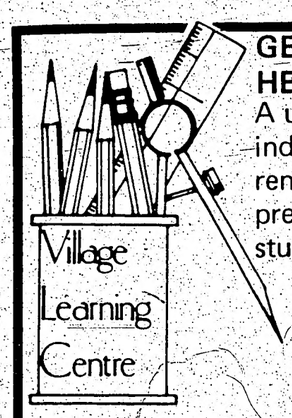

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The Board of Education for the City of North York will continue to offer French Immersion programs in September 1983 in six elementary schools. The French Immersion program is an optional program which begins at the Senior Kindergarten level. The pupil must be registered at the school offering an Immersion Class. The pupil may not attend the regular school and the Immersion School. Pupils will receive instruction entirely in French for Senior Kindergarten (1/2 day), Grade 1 and Grade 2. English instruction begins in Grade 3 for one hour a day. Later the proportion of English instruction is increased.

Information meetings for parents will be held as follows:

1. **Brian Elementary School** (Victoria Park-Sheppard) Jan. 13 7:30 p.m.
2. **Broadlands Elementary School** (Victoria Park-Lawrence) Jan. 13 7:30 p.m.
3. **Cliffwood Elementary School** (Steeles-Don Mills Road) Jan. 11 7:30 p.m.
4. **Dunlace Elementary School** (south of 401 between Bayview and Leslie) Jan. 13 7:30 p.m.
5. **Owen Elementary School** (Bayview-York Mills) Jan. 12 7:30 p.m.
6. **Yorkview Elementary School** (Finch-Bathurst) Jan. 13 7:30 p.m.

Registration will take place in the French Immersion Schools on Monday, January 31st at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, please telephone the office of Mrs. Nicole Mischenko, Assistant Coordinator, French Immersion at 494–4022.

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COMING EVENTS

בית צדק
BETH TZEDEC

TUES., JAN. 11, 1:15 P.M. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50. SLIDE PRESENTATION: "A VISIT TO PRAGUE".** Narrator: **Asst. Rabbi Lawrence Troster**, Beth Tzedec. Coffee and Cake. Non-members $1.00.

SAT., JAN. 15, 12 NOON, following services - **SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON.** Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Solomon Spiro.** Topic: **"Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik - Philosopher of Jewish Law, Poet and Mystic on his 80th Birthday".** Paid reservations by Jan. 12. Adults $3.75, children under 12, $1.75.

TUES., JAN. 18, 1:15 P.M. - **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50. "SENSIBLE GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF MONEY."** Speaker: **Alan Fremes**, Investment Consultant. Coffee and Cake. Everyone Welcome. Non-Members $1.00.

SAT., JAN. 29, 9 A.M. - **Special SHABBAT SHIRA** Service conducted by **Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg**, featuring liturgical highlights, old and new, chanted by **Cantor Paul H. Kowarsky** with the **Beth Tzedec Choir** and **Choral Group**, directed by **Gordon Kushner**. Also participating in the chanting of the services: **Cantor Joseph Cooper**. Torah Portion led by **Cantor Morris Soberman.**

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Organizations and People

Sabra-Shatila massacres

"It is our atrocity": priest

By HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO — An Anglican priest here is "enraged" that the Jews are being forced to bear blame for the atrocities in the Sabra and Shatila camps last September.

Rev. William A. Collins of Toronto said in a letter to the editor of Commentary "it was criminal for the Israelis to let the Phalange into the refugee camps, but no one made the Christians slaughter men, women and children. It is not a Jewish atrocity, it is our atrocity."

Collins said he wrote the letter because "I was enraged at the hypocrisy of the Christian world in letting the Jews take blame for the disaster."

Collins, an Anglican priest whose last parish was in Caracas, Venezuela, does not have a parish in Toronto because of his disagreement with Anglican hierarchy over the ordination of women. "I'm not in good standing, but I'm not in bad standing with the church either," he says.

He now works as a probation officer.

"What started it all," says Collins, "was the illogical reaction towards the Jews among the Christian community. I stopped to buy milk at a store on my way home from church the Sunday after the massacres, and noticed a headline about the killings in the paper of a man in front of me. I said to him 'It's terrible,' and he said to me 'Yeah, the dirty Jews let them in.' This reaction was so illogical, it offended me," Collins said.

"Jews can't have all the morality in the world," asserts Collins. "They can't steal a Christian atrocity. Christianity is letting you get away with it."

Collins claims that the lack of reaction from Christian leaders is anti-semitic.

"In this instance, the silence on the part of Christian leaders must be seen as a manifestation of anti-semitism. It is anti-semitic to let the Jews take the blame for this," he says.

His views are not necessarily representative of Anglicanism. Collins says. He admits to being "pretty hard on my own people."

Collins professed a "profound respect" for Rabbi Reuben Slonim because he is always "taking the other side . . . trying to be just."

No organized church will speak out about the atrocities or take the blame, predicted Collins. "Some individuals will protest, but no church. I will keep my opinions as to the reasons why to myself," he said.

His letter was sent to Maclean's in October, but the version which appeared in print was "hacked to death" said Collins.

"The real anger I felt about the whole thing, what horrified me the most, was the hypocrisy of dumping the blame on someone else. As a priest, I am sickened," said Collins.

Synagogue program on nuclear debate

TORONTO — Holy Blossom Temple is sponsoring a nuclear awareness program to be held from Jan. 16 to 21.

Internationally respected Norwegian peace theorist, Johan Galtung, will give the keynote address, Alternatives to the Nuclear Madness, on Sunday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m.

Galtung was a key consultant to UNSSOD II (United Nations Special Session on Disarmament) and is the founder of the Journal of Peace Research. He is also the chairman of several major developments of peace research at European universities.

The program is being organized by Holy Blossom's social action committee as an attempt to make Toronto's secular and religious communities "more aware of the worldwide debate on the proliferation of nuclear weapons and the relationships between the military and non-military uses of nuclear technology."

The week-long program has special addresses and seminars each day.

After Galtung's speech on the morning of the 16th there will be a panel discussion at 1 p.m. Members of the panel include Len Desroches of the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, Dr. Hanna Newcombe, president of the Peace Research Institute, and Dr. Frank Sommers, chairperson of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Moderator of the panel is Marilyn Aarons, co-ordinator of energy Probe.

At 8 p.m. on Sunday another panel discussion on Military and Non-military Uses of Nuclear Technology will take place. Panelists include Terrance Lonergan from the department of external affairs, Norm Rubin, a researcher at Energy Probe, and J. A. L. Robertson from Atomic Energy of Canada. Moderator for the discussion will be Val Sears, the national editor at the Ottawa bureau of the Toronto Star.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. a panel discussion on the Facts and Fantasies of Nuclear Disarmament: a Religious Perspective, will be held. Members of the panel include Prof. Rod Byers, director of the research program in Strategic Studies at York university, Prof. Ursula Franklin of the University of Toronto, and Rabbi James Prosnit. Dr. Russel Legge, president of the Canadian Council of Churches will be moderator.

On Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Shalom in Hamilton, will show the film Nuclear Countdown.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfield of Temple Emanu-El will speak on Judaism and the Nuclear Peril on Thursday at 8 p.m. The film If You Love This Planet will also be shown.

The program will close on Friday, Jan. 21 with a Shabbat service at 8.25 p.m. Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the religious action centre of the UAHC will give an address on Nuclear Awareness: The Jewish Response and Responsibility.

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New Sefer Torah celebrated

TORONTO —

The completion and donation of a new Torah by Berish and Moshe Zolty was celebrated recently at Agudath Israel Synagogue with about 1,000 people taking part.

Coincidentally, the Zoltys, together with many of their friends at the congregation, celebrated the completion of their study of the Talmud, one page per day, over a 7½-year cycle.

The completion of the writing of the Torah took place at the home of Moshe Zolty. The Torah was then brought to Berish Zolty's home on Barse St. where hundreds of men, women and children were waiting. A procession to the shul began with local community leaders being honored with the carrying of the new Torah scroll under the traditional chupah.

Accompanying the chupah were young men holding bright torches. Also along the route to the synagogue on McGillivray St. was a balloon-decorated truck train transporting singing children.

As the procession entered McGillivray St. a display of fireworks heralded the arrival of the new Torah. Other Torahs in the synagogue were brought out to "welcome" the new one.

After the recitation of the traditional psalms selected for the occasion, a warm address was given by Rabbi Moshe M. Lowy. The Zoltys, both Holocaust survivors, brought the event to an emotional climax with the blessing of shechiyonu . . . thanking God who has "sustained us and brought us to this time."

The program concluded with a dinner for 400 invited guests at the Viewmount Eitz Chaim School honoring the siyum of the Talmud (completion of the 7½-year cycle). Rabbi Chaskel Besser, of New York, was guest speaker and following this the Talmud study cycle was begun once more.

Kwinter heads board for third time in row

TORONTO —

Monte Kwinter, a past president of the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith, was recently elected chairman of the Toronto Harbour Commission for the third time.

Originally appointed to the 5-man harbour board by the Canadian government in 1980, he was first elected chairman in 1981, re-elected in January last year, and again in December, 1982.

Kwinter, 51, is president of Monte Kwinter Real Estate Ltd. Born in Toronto, he is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art, Syracuse University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

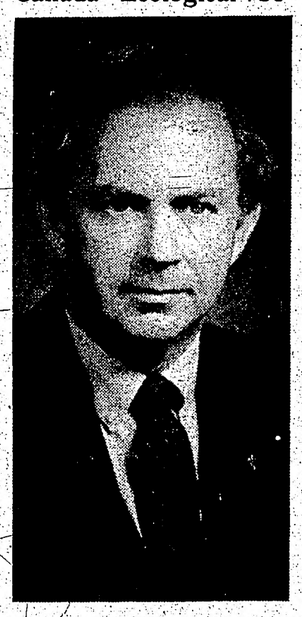
He is a former vice-president of the Ontario College of Art, a former executive director of the Wallace Publishing Co., and former council member of the Upper Canada Zoological Society. He is presently executive secretary of the York Centre Liberal Association and board director of the Toronto Area Industrial Development Board.

An ardent yachtsman, he is a member of the Centre Island Yacht Club.

One of his priorities for 1983 is to implement a development proposal for the 7.3 acres of land around the present World Trade Centre Toronto Building at 60 Harbour St., where the harbour commission has its head office.

Kwinter says he would also like to see the start-up of a cross-lake ferry service between the Port of Toronto and a port on the New York side of Lake Ontario in 1983.

"I know that a similar service between Oshawa and Oswego was suspended last year, but our staff feels that such a service operating out of the Port of Toronto can survive and is economically feasible," he said.



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Project Connect

Hotline and buddy program designed for singles

By HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

Project Connect is a singles organization that works because it was created to fulfil a specific need in the community, says the program's director.

"The overwhelming success we've had in our first few months of operation shows that we are needed," says Cindy Cole, co-ordinator of Connect.

Project Connect was the brainchild of the Social Planning Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

After completing a study assessing the needs of the community, Congress determined that there was a large gap in the services available for singles. It allocated funds for an organization and handed over the idea to the Jewish Community Centre, with the only stipulation being that any program must include a hotline and a buddy program.

Project Connect is funded for three years, which Cole feels is a very fair amount of time to prove its worth.

The main service offered by Connect is a switchboard that is staffed by about 60 volunteers. Singles can call the switchboard and get information about social events for the week, or they can call just to speak with someone who can offer emotional support.

"Most of our volunteers have been through it before. They all volunteered because they want to make it easier for someone else to adjust to being alone than it was for them," explains Cole.

All the volunteers are trained in suicide prevention techniques (Cole credits Connect with saving three suicides), information and referral, role playing and problem solving. Regular update training sessions are held monthly.

"The response for volunteers has been just great. We now have a waiting list of volunteers," says Cole.

Although the switchboard operates only between 6 and 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays, Cole said the program can be expanded to meet community needs.

"We are flexible. The times we were to be open was difficult to determine. We decided on the 6 to 9 format because our primary aim is to get singles out and participating in the community.

"If they call after 9 p.m. for social information, it's getting too late to go out after that," explains Cole, adding that the times can be expanded in response to demand.

Although Connect is primarily a telephone service, it has recently instituted a self-help group for newly separated singles. The group, which is under the direction of a psychologist and a trained life skills gaduate, will meet once a week to discuss problems and adjustments to single life.

To fulfil the Toronto Jewish Congress' request for a buddy program, Connect has formed a program under which volunteers are trained to deal with problems on a one-to-one basis. Cole emphasizes that this program is not set up to encourage emotional dependency on the volunteer — it is merely a means of helping a newly single person adjust to a new life.

"People in the one-to-one program are screened in depth. I am very concerned for the safety of my volunteers and caution them never to meet in one or the other's home unless absolute trust has been established," says Cole.

Further steps taken to protect the identity of phone volunteers include a hidden location for the switchboard; a strict rule that no home phone numbers are given out; and an iron-clad policy that volunteers do not meet callers.

"We want to encourage callers to use us to discuss personal problems because we can offer emotional support," says Cole.

Contrary to expectations, Connect did not experience an upsurge in calls asking for emotional support over the recent holiday period.

"We thought we would get more calls, because the holidays are usually a lonely time for singles," says Cole.

Project Connect can be reached at 497-4494 or 497-4393. Connect is also equipped with a TTY phone system for the deaf.

Wildlife artist to attend 3-day stamp exhibition

TORONTO —

Canada's premier wildlife artist Robert Bateman, whose Loon Family (1981) was commissioned as Canada's wedding gift to Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, will be at Phil-Ex Canada, a $6 million international stamp show at Toronto's Sheraton Centre, Jan. 7 through 9.

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Organizations and People

Move evokes sharp negative reaction

Boston rabbis excommunicate city's Israel critics

SALEM, MASS. [JTA] — **The recent decision of three Orthodox rabbis in the Boston area to constitute themselves a rabbinic court [Beth Din] to excommunicate a number of local Jews, including all signers of a June advertisement in The New York Times critical of Israel, evoked sharply negative reactions from other local rabbis.**

Rabbis Marvin Antelman of Newton, Herbert Gilner of Long Island, and Jehu Eaves of Boston, met in a hotel in Tewksbury and excommunicated the Jews, who included Rabbis Everett Gendler of Andover and Ira Axelrod of Brandeis University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology Prof. Noam Chomsky; and Nobel Laureate Salvador Luria.

Excommunication is a rarely used judgment in modern Jewish life, and the event attracted widespread attention in area daily newspapers.

Comment by rabbis on the excommunication was caustic. Rabbi Sanford Shanblatt of Swampscott, president of the North Shore Rabbinical Association, called the event "ridiculous" and one which should not be "a part of our society today," according to the Journal of the North Shore Jewish Community.

Shanblatt said he was acquainted with several of the "excommunicated" Jews, adding that, though he disagreed with the views of Gendler and of others "as injurious to Israel and to American Jews," he would not dream in a million years that excommunication is the answer."

A North Shore Orthodox leader, Rabbi Samuel Zaitchik of Lynn, condemned both the excommunication and the media for reporting on it. He told a Lynn newspaper "Why do you pay attention to such nonsense?" He also said that "the truth of the matter is that nothing happened and nobody responsible did anything."

Rabbi David Werb of Brockton, president of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis, which represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, said the board did not support the excommunication, calling it "a political means to express chagrin at the criticism of Israel." Axelrod called the "Beth Din" members "a small, fanatical extremist fringe."

Axelrod said he would never do anything to hurt Israel, adding, "I believe the Palestinian people deserve the right to national self-detemination, provided the entity that results will fully recognize Israel and will co-exist alongside Israel."

CJC petition

TORONTO —

The Canadian Jewish Congress has asked The CJN to remind the community that a petition urging the Canadian government to bring war criminals residing in Canada to justice will be posted throughout Toronto on Sunday, Jan. 9.

The petitions and staff will be available at the following locations: Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom, Shaarei Shomayim, Adath Israel, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Tikvah, Temple Har Zion B'nai Torah, Jewish Community Centre [northern branch], Jewish Public Library, Betel Centre for Creative Living.

Congress officials urge all members of the Jewish community to turn out to sign.

Arab finalist at science fair

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

An 18-year-old Israeli Arab boy, Muhamed Mustafa Agabria, of Uum El-Faham village, was one of 19 finalists in the recent 1982 Weizmann Institute of Science-Discount Bank science fair.

Agabria, who submitted a paper analyzing Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, was also the first Arab youngster to participate in the annual science fair held on campus for talented young people.

Other finalists included first prize winner Ron Karidi of Tel Aviv, who designed a mathematical model for solving the Rubik cube and variations of it, and Leah Orbach of Eilat, who placed second for her study of the effect of light on a certain type of giant clam which lives in symbiosis with single-cell algae in the Red Sea.

Gilad Bendel of Rehovot and Amos Lapidot of Ramat Gan shared the third prize for computer programs. Another shared third prize went to Ravid Sagyn of the Bnai Yehuda settlement in the Golan Heights, who built a sophisticated model of a greenhouse controlled by a microprocessor.

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Monday and Tuesday busy days

Winter program announced by Beth Tzedec

TORONTO —

Dr. Morton Manilla, a research fellow at York University, will be joining Beth Tzedec's Beth Midrash program starting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11.

Manilla's course, entitled "The Structure of Jewish Assimilation in American Literature," will deal with such writers as Saul Bellow and Arthur Miller.

Three other courses will also be featured on Tuesday evenings, including Prof. Frank Talmage's "Yehudah Ha-Levy and the Kuzari," Prof. Arnold Ages "To Serve the Lord with the Strength of a Lion: Jewish Prayer," and Cantor Paul Kowarsky's "Jewish Music for the Synagogue and Home."

Beth Tzedec is offering a Tuesday morning course, as well, as part of the Beth Midrash series. Prof. Ze'ev Friedman will survey major elements in modern philosophies of Judaism in his course "Survey of Modern Jewish Thought," which begins on Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.

Monday evening courses in the winter semester beginning on Jan. 10 include: Cantor Joseph Cooper's "Mastering the Hebrew of the Siddur" (for those who know little or no Hebrew but wish to follow the prayer service) and Rabbi Lawrence Troster's "A Bird's Eye View of the Hebrew Bible" — the second component of a 4-semester course on the Tanach. These courses begin at 8 p.m.

At 9 p.m. on Mondays, also beginning on Jan. 10, Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg will launch a new course called "Introduction to the Jewish Classics." Rabbi Friedberg will study excerpts from the classical texts of Judaism including: Mishna, Gemara, Midrash, Rashi, Rambam, Shulkhan Arukh and Mesillat Yesharim.

Monday evening, Tuesday morning and evening courses run for seven weeks, until Feb. 22.

Ten weeks will be the duration of the Beth Midrash Hebrew conversation courses taught by Rachel Brenner. Given on Monday evenings, the elementary course begins at 7.30 and the intermediate section begins at 9. New students are invited and will be integrated into the existing sections.

For information about registration and fees call the Beth Tzedec office, 781-3511.

Violence deplored

TORONTO —

A statement deploring recent acts of violence against Jewish institutions in Sydney, Australia, has been issued by the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

"The advent of terrorist bombings in a city that has, to date, been free of terrorist violence, makes us, as Canadians, ever more conscious of the need to be vigilant in our efforts to keep terrorism out of this country," declared the statement signed by Ted Greenfield, national chairman.

An offer of assistance to the Sydney community was made by the League.

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From jock to yeshiva student

A casual visit to Israel led him back to his roots

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO —
Eric Coopersmith is probably best remembered by his friends and former classmates at Forest Hill Collegiate as a champion hockey player, a penultimate jock.

But the Eric Coopersmith of today would prefer being regarded as a dedicated and committed Jew.

Now 22, he decided to take a year of travel after high school graduation in order to plan what he'd be doing with the rest of his life. Pure chance led him back to his roots.

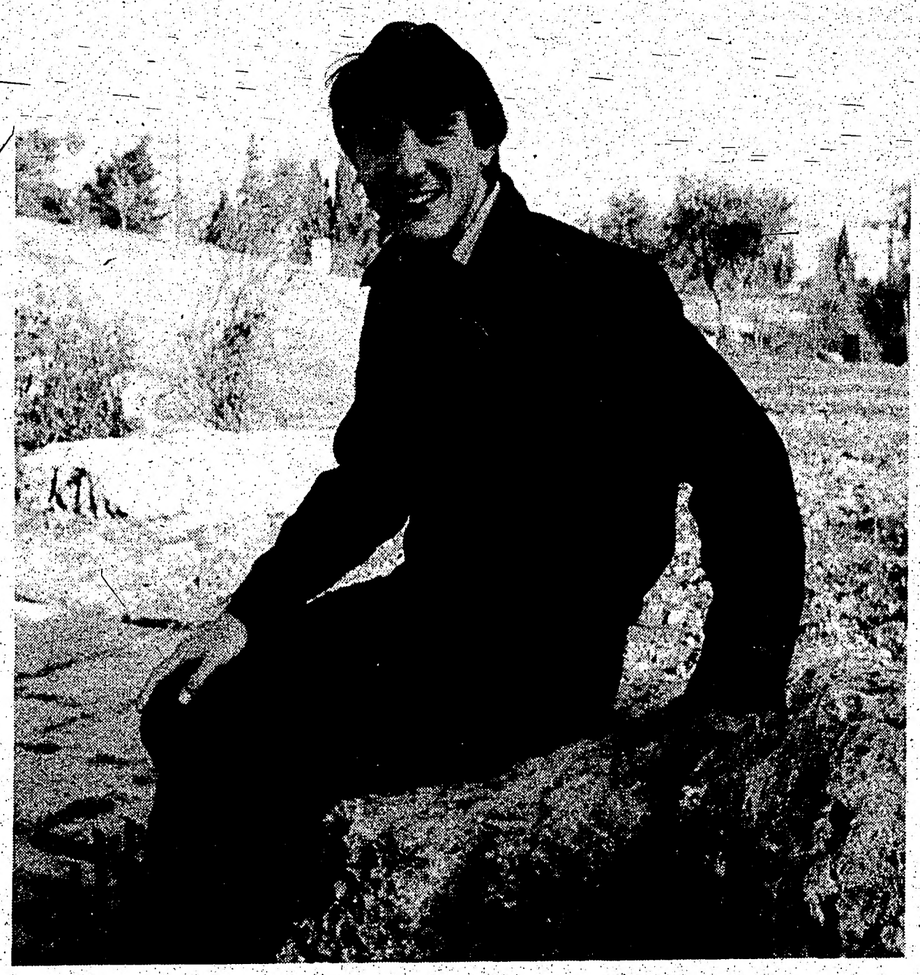
The son of Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Myrtle Coopersmith, he had attended afternoon Hebrew school and was raised in a family in which the parents took their religion seriously but the children accepted it without delving into meanings or dedication.

"I had been in Israel for three months," he recalled in a recent interview in Toronto, "and was living in a socialistic, anti-religious kibbutz, Shomer Hatzayer. I happened to meet a friend of a friend who was studying at the Aish Hatorah Yeshiva in Jerusalem. I was intrigued by him; he was someone who had not been religious but was now. I realized that I'd had many misconceptions about my own religion and there were many things I didn't know.

"When he invited me to the yeshiva for a week or two, I took him up on that offer."

Now, nearly three years later, Coopersmith is still at Aish Hatorah and has aspirations of becoming either a teacher or rabbi after graduation. He's so enthusiastic about the school that his younger brother, Adam, is now also a student there.

"I had gone there for a week," he continued, "and it was an eyeopening experience, so I made a commitment for an additional month. I was supposed to go to Europe to work in a ski resort or play hockey — that was my original plan. But I decided that this was more worthwhile. I realized I had to invest my time in learning what my religion, what being a Jew, was all about."



Eric Coopersmith in Jerusalem

The Aish Hatorah College of Jewish Studies was founded by Rabbi Noach Weinberg of New York seven years ago to give Jewish students a positive reintroduction to Judaism. The program is based on the premise that Judaism has a lot to offer and that Torah is relevant to today's youth.

As part of its outreach program, centres have been opened in Toronto [2949 Bathurst St.], Los Angeles and St. Louis. Classes in Judaism are given at the Bathurst St. location and at the University of Toronto and York University.

"Many Jews are dropping out of Judaism by default," explain Rabbi Aaron Hoch, a member of the Toronto faculty. "They never had an opportunity to study it in a mature way. We are facing the students' needs and are giving them the opportunity to see how relevant Judaism is."

In addition to the regularly scheduled courses, workshops can be arranged for individual groups to be taken at their convenience in their own homes. Parents are also involved through their own association and special classes.

Through a special arrangement with the State University of New York, the Jerusalem yeshiva is empowered to grant Bachelor of Arts degrees in Jewish studies to its graduates. It currently serves 150 students, both male and female, about 25 of whom are originally from Ontario.

Although the students are taught and expected to observe the rules of kashruth, the Sabbath, etc. they are not forced into orthodoxy. Hoch and Coopersmith emphasize that the participants are given the opportunity to "make intelligent choices" about whether to be Orthodox, Conservative or Reformed.

Many of the young people who attend the college in Jerusalem do so for only limited time spans, during the summer or winter holidays, for example.

Coopersmith was in Toronto on several weeks' vacation to visit his family and also to help organize seminars on the recent treatment of Israel by the international press.

"The negative press was very confusing," Coopersmith said. "We're trying to give people enough information so they can see the injustice of it all. The issue is not whether Israel was right or wrong in going into Lebanon. The issue is the great threat of the outside world and how to combat it."

Did he play hockey while at home? "Of course. I'm still interested in sports. In Jerusalem I play squash and basketball."

He's still close with his friends here in Toronto and makes every effort to keep in touch with them. He's pleased that many of them seek him out, asking questions about Judaism . . . about strengthening their own commitment.

Wearing a V-neck pullover, cords and running shoes, he looked like an all-American (er, Canadian) college student. But clearly, Eric Coopersmith was anxious to return to Israel. For explanation he smiled and sighed, "Jerusalem is the centre of the world. It's a very dynamic place. If you want to be Jewish, you couldn't ask for a better place to live."

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Marriage enrichment program aims at intimacy

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

There are two kinds of Jewish couples that present Bev Behar with the most difficulty. Check to see if you belong to either:

• Highly verbal and intellectual. They can debate for hours, quoting books they've read as they score points against each other, but never coming to grips with their real feelings. "Okay, you won the argument, dear," one says sadly to the other, "but you've lost our marriage."

• High achievers. Their family and community impose upon them high personal expectations to achieve financially, academically and spiritually — to attain, in fact, the ideal family. When they don't reach that impossible goal, they cover up, and refuse to admit they're having problems. "We really don't need counseling," they tell Bev Behar apologetically. "Our problems aren't that bad, but . . ."

If you come under either category, perhaps you ought to consider enroling in the weekend marriage enrichment programs that Bev Behar is launching on Jan. 14 to 16 at the Delta Meadowvale Inn, 6750 Mississauga Rd., at Highway 401, 30 minutes from downtown Toronto.

It's her contention that couples make the mistake of going to nearby hotels "just to get away" from their stresses, hoping it will alleviate their marital tensions.

What often happens, though, is that they'll have a miserable weekend rehashing the same old conflicts. Or, if they do have a good weekend, they return home finding they'll have to contend with the same old prickly marriage discord.

"Instead," she suggests, "why not enjoy a luxury weekend away from it all while learning how to live together with your loved one more happily?"

Behar is providing such couples with five 2-hour sessions in each weekend workshop at a fee of $125 per couple. Those attending will have available the special hotel rate of $56 per night, double occupancy, with no charge for children under 18 who stay in the same room.

Five to eight couples participate in each program. The sessions are spread out from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon to provide participants with plenty of time to relax and luxuriate in the hotel's facilities. She discusses with them means to improve their communications, listening and negotiation skills and enjoy their sexual relationships.

Those interested in enroling in the weekend workshops, which continue until June, may telephone her at (416) 967-9195.

Bev Behar

Behar, a petite, friendly marriage and family counselor of 32, with two children, has excellent qualifications. She has a BA in sociology from York University and an MA in human relations and counseling studies from University of Waterloo. Besides her private practice as a marriage therapist, she works as a family counselor for the Durham Region social services department.

She thinks she's particularly equipped to help Jewish couples because of her background.

Born in Toronto, she was raised in Forest Hill Village, but rebelled against playing the role of a pampered Jewish princess. "I can understand how parents who've suffered a lot don't want their kids to go through the same poverty," she says. "But I didn't like that life of privilege."

Later, she says she found her first year at York University "excruciatingly boring." So she managed to get a scholarship from the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University to study in Israel.

There she met and fell in love with her future husband, Moiz Behar, a Turkish-born Jew who was studying to be an architect.

"I couldn't speak Turkish; he couldn't speak English," she recalls. "So we communicated at first in French, and later in Hebrew. Because of our cultural differences, it was painful learning to adjust to each other.

"But it was good training for a marriage counselor. It forced me to sensitize my antennae and thus overcome the main problems with newlyweds — being unable to get on the same wavelength."

She says it's much harder for long-married couples to attempt to resolve their differences and thus get closer to each other. In her experience, some are so locked in a power struggle, they are reluctant to accept constructive changes. Others resist counseling feeling it would do more harm than good, or, as they express it, "Why shake up the dirt from under the carpet?"

For those who genuinely want more intimacy in their marriage, she offers these "do" and "don't" tips:

• Do take the time to listen and really focus on what your spouse is saying. If you don't have the time or patience at first then make a date for a better time and keep it.

• When you want different things in a given situation, do negotiate for a solution that satisfies everyone. Win-lose solutions never work because of the lasting resentments. Be creative in your problem solving.

• Do be clear in your mind about what you want from your spouse before you begin to complain. Then clearly explain what you want from them.

• Do keep a sense of humor in your relationship. But don't confuse humor with manipulation and cruelty . . . the "can't you take a joke?" syndrome.

• Do slow your conversations down to make sure the messages sent are the same ones being received.

• Do respect each other's differences, even if these differences are characteristics that you don't like.

• Don't expect your spouse to read your mind even if you've known him/her for 50 years. And don't think you can read their mind either.

• Don't feel you must solve all your spouse's problems, just because they are telling you about them.

• Don't expect your spouse to feel the same way you do or care as much as you do about your problems. He/she is not you, and not in your situation.

• Don't try to win an argument. State your opinion and listen to the other side. The other person may consider points you have made even after days have passed.

• Don't keep reminding each other of the past. Deal with the present and the future. The past can never be changed.

• Don't try to make your spouse feel bad. If you get the better of them, they are sure to get back at you at a later date.

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PLO will soon find himself exploited by them for their own propagandistic purposes."

The Weymouth report was featured in The Post under the banner line "Arafat says only PLO can represent Palestinians in peace talks." The report said Arafat was interviewed at his headquarters in the Hotel Salwa on the outskirts of Tunis. "A group of Palestinians in the room," it said, "were Issam Sartawi, Ahmed Dajani, Nabil Shaath, Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughod, all members of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament in exile."

While not specifically further identified in the report, Said is believed to be the Columbia University [New York] professor who frequently speaks and writes on behalf of the PLO. Sartawi is believed to be the PLO official with whom Phillip Klutznick, Pierre Mendes-France and Nachum Goldmann conferred in Paris on possibilities for PLO-Israeli talks early in the fighting in Lebanon.

The Weymouth report said Arafat was interviewed on two days and that "his remarks both in the interview and in his informal conversations with other Palestinians, provided a rare glimpse into the inner workings of the PLO, which was forced out of Lebanon after last summer's Israeli invasion."

Among the points Arafat made, the report said, was that "he had reached an agreement with King Hussein of Jordan that Hussein would convey to President Reagan in Washington. But Arafat made clear that the PLO would not relinquish negotiating power to Hussein."

This report, appearing in The Post a day before King Hussein's second meeting with President Reagan, indicated Arafat had spiked the summit conference and stalled the Reagan administration's drive to advance the Reagan initiative for an Arab-Israeli settlement.

World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות "יהודה הצעיר בקנדה"
מאת: רמי פרידמן שליח "יהודה הצעיר"

לקוראי העתון שלום, כשליח חדש מטעם הנוער והחלוץ לתנועת "יהודה הצעיר בקנדה" היה לי ל-עונג רב לקבל את הצעתו של מר קלינגר ולהציג את ת-נועתנו מעל דפי עתון נכבד זה. תנועתנו קשורה לפדרציה הציונית בקנדה ונתמכת ע"י ארגון הדסה ויצ"ו. כתנועה א-פוליטית אנו מציעים פעילות יהודית ציונית לילדים יהודים בכל רחבי קנדה, מונקובר ב-מערב ועד ניו-פאונדלנד במזרח. "ליהודה הצעיר", פעילות חינוכית שוטפת במשך כל חודשי השנה במסגרת חינוכית משלימה, תומכת ומעודדת לנער/ה ה-יהודי המתלבט בבעיות זהותו היהודית, הקשר למדינת י-שראל וכיו"ב. בנוסף לפעילות השותפת, לתנועתנו שבעה מ-חנות קיץ ברחבי קנדה, ה-מהוים את גולת הכותרת ל-פעילות החינוכית במשך השנה וכן מחנה קיץ לבוגרי התנועה בישראל. במחנות נחשפים ה-ילדים לאויר יהודית-ישראלית אינטנסיבית בכל תקופת שהותם במחנה, לגילאים הבוגרים יותר אנו מציעים בנוסף וכישת ידע בנושאי הדרכה שונים. בנוסף ל-תפקידי כשליח ל"יהודה-הצעיר", יחד עם שאר חברי שליחי מחלקת הנוער והחלוץ בסוכנות היהודית אנו מ-פעילים בחסות הפדרציה ה-ציונית בקנדה את המרכז הישראלי לנוער, המשמש כ-מרכז לתוכניות קיץ בישראל וכמקום מפגש ופעילות ל-צעירים רבים הבאים לשמוע וללמוד על מדינת ישראל. בדבר פרטים נוספים נא להתקשר לטל: 781-5156.

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האוסף כולו נרכש במיליון דולר לערך על-ידי איש אמריקני שתרם אותו ל-מוזיאון ישראל. למרות שדיין היה חובב בלבד ולא איש מקצוע בתחום ה-עתיקות, היו באוסף שלו ממצאים נדירים, שהקדום בהם הוא מסכת-אבן מה-תקופה הניאוליתית (לפני כ-9000 שנה). הוא נהג לקנות את הממצאים ואף עסק בחפירות כתחביב. הוא אף שקד במו ידיו על איחוי שברי החרס והשלים בכך כלים. במותו הורישׁ את האוסף העשיר לאשתו, רחל, והיא ה-ציעה אותו למוזיאון ישראל לרכישה תמורת מיליון דולר, סכום שלא היה למוזיאון. בעזרת ראש עירית ירושלים נמצא המיליונר היהודי מארה"ב לורנס טיש, שתרם 900 אלף דולר, ושני סוחרים מישראל השלימו את הסכום למיליון - והמוזיאון רכש את האוסף. האוסף מכיל גם חרפושיות (חותמות מצריות) שגודלן הממוצע שני ס"מ, והן עשויות מאבן רכה שקל לחרוט בה אותיות ו-סימנים. החותמות הללו הנושאות את שמות מלכי מצרים ופקידיהם, היו במקורן קמעות, ושמשו גם לחתימת מכתבים ו-תעודות. רבות מן ה-חרפושיות מלמדות על דת מצרים ועל התפתחות ה-אמנות המצרית. משה דיין ז"ל, שהתעניין מאוד בעתיקות מצרים, גילה עניין מיוחד בחרפושיות ורכש רבות מהן. הוא למד לפענח את כתב החרטומים החרוט עליהן, וידע ל-קבוע את שמות המלכים המוזכרים בהן ואת תאריך ייצורן. האוסף משמש מ-קור יוצא מן הכלל ל-מחקרים ולהוראה.

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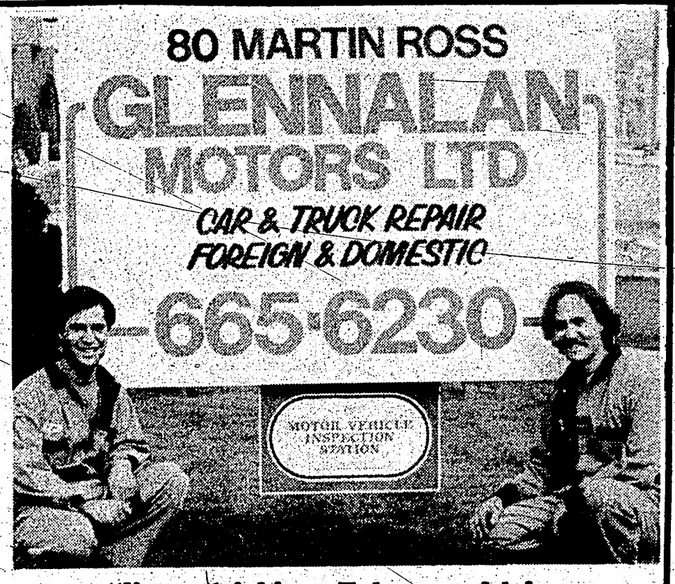

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BB condemns Dube's remarks

MONTREAL — The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith has issued a strong condemnation of remarks attributed to Rodrique Dube, president of the Alliance des professeurs de Montreal, in a report on the CFCF channel 12 news.

Dube was reported to have said that the Levesque government was attempting to set the Quebec people against the employees of the public and para-public sectors in the same way that Hitler set the Germans against the Jews. Furthermore, he declared that the union members are the Quebec Jews of modern times.

In the course of the same report, another spokesman for the alliance, Micheline Shanks, said Levesque "used tactics like those of Hitler to pass his decrees."

Eastern Region chairman Leona Eligberg declared that the League "strongly protests the obscene usage of such comparisons. Those who put forth these comparisons are totally ignorant of the heinous and violent campaigns which culminated in the slaughter of 17 million people.

"Today the memories of the Holocaust are receding and its study has become politicized by a process of historical revision and denial. There are, in their view of the League, too many people who use and misuse the vocabulary of the Nazi era without understanding its true meaning.

"Some, lacking intellectual integrity, knowingly use the terms holocaust and genocide without reference to historical perspective.

"It would be unthinkable to conclude that the union leaders in question, who adhere to the principles of a democratic system, would wish that their comments be accepted literally.

"One can only conclude that what was involved was an unfortunate and regrettable use of extreme metaphoric language."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Free expression

Your reporter totally misconstrued an important feature of my remarks at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress seminar on Israel and Lebanon (CJN, Dec. 23).

It was reported that I questioned the right of members of the community to vent "dissent" publicly.

I neither said nor meant that.

We live in a democracy. Therefore, we all have the **right** to free expression — public or private.

At the seminar I suggested that with every right there comes a concomitant obligation or responsibility. Our obligation is to weigh the harm that can come from exercising our rights.

I urged that the apprehended harm far outweighs any possible good that could come from public criticism in the context of the current discussion. Therefore, I said, we should elect not to exercise our rights in that regard.

The question of rights is not an issue.

Donald Carr
Toronto

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Boggles the mind

I was amused to read the letter from Jack Cowan (former UJPO president) in your issue of Dec. 23. This was supposed to be a reply to my letter of Dec. 2.

He claims that I am an old friend of his. Frankly, I was never aware of this "distinction." Second, Cowan says that "the inquiry commission's conclusions so far are in keeping with the UJPO statement."

How he can make such a remark when the inquiry is still on and has so far reached no conclusion, boggles the mind!

Cowan then sets up straw windmills such as, "If he (Tate) believes that Diaspora Jews have no right to participate in discussion, etc." This is an old gimmick used by bankrupt debaters.

There was no question in my letter about limiting debate of any kind. Honest discussion is always welcome. What I DID object to was an organization peddling a line which could have been lifted from Pravda — thoroughly acceptable to murderous thugs like Arafat, calling for a PLO-dominated state, while at the same time professing "love" for Israel.

As for Cowan's allegation that anti-semitism has spread as a result of Israel's actions, where was Cowan when the swastika gangs were roaming the streets of Toronto, beating up old Jews in the "hungry 30s?" The writer was with other Jewish youth driving them back into the woodwork. There was no Israel then, yet anti-semitism was rampant. Thank heaven we have an Israel Defence Force today, capable of defending Jews inside and outside Israel. Remember Entebbe?

Mr. Cowan refers to (Soviet) authorities' aid in establishing Israel. This was not due to love of Jews, but was a political act against imperialist Britain. Let him explain the Soviet-provided katyushas which rained death upon peaceful kibbutzim in Galilee until Israel acted!

Murray Tate
Toronto

Stranger helped

I would like to express my belated gratitude to three people who showed compassion by helping me, a complete stranger, in a desperate situation.

A telephone call from Jerusalem informed me recently one Saturday afternoon that my brother was severely ill and my immediate presence was desired. Travel agencies informed me that, since my passport had expired, nothing could be done until Monday.

But thanks to the help of Mrs. Jacob Egit of Celebrity Travel International, Rabbi David Monson and prompt action by a clerk in the passport office (who interrupted his weekend rest), I was able to obtain the passport and leave on that day's 7.30 p.m. flight.

The selfless acts of these three will always be cherished in my memory.

Ziporah Grafstein
Toronto

Forgotten Jews

I would like to comment on your Dec. 9 report by Susan Nerby, Soviets destroy last traces of Holocaust victims. This article deals with a seminar held recently at the University of Toronto, entitled The Forgotten Jews, which, in light of the coverage is, unfortunately, an all too appropriate title.

Included in the program, although disregarded in the article, was the presentation given by Sarah Taieb Carlen, Jews in Arab Lands — Imprisoned Communities.

Mrs. Carlen's detailed and moving discussion about the hostage Jews of Syria and the hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees forced to flee from their homes in Arab countries deserves media attention and your reporter's omission of it was a serious oversight.

We who work on behalf of this issue, recognize that it does not have the high visibility of either the Soviet Jewry or Ethiopian Jewry causes.

Nonetheless, the release from captivity of all Syrian Jews, as well as the fact of our own Jewish refugees from Arab countries, about whom the world was and is largely indifferent, must not be ignored by the Jewish community.

It is our moral responsibility that there be no "forgotten Jews."

Ruth Rayman
Morrison
Toronto

Tasteless criticism

Jacobo Timmerman's tasteless criticism of the Israeli people is diagnostic of a rare malady of the nervous system. His symptoms indicate a hammer and sickle in his head instead of a brain.

His remarks made against the Argentine government while still living there would have resulted in his eternal silence. That he is alive and relatively well in Israel does blunt his anti-Israel criticism.

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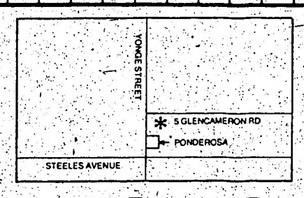

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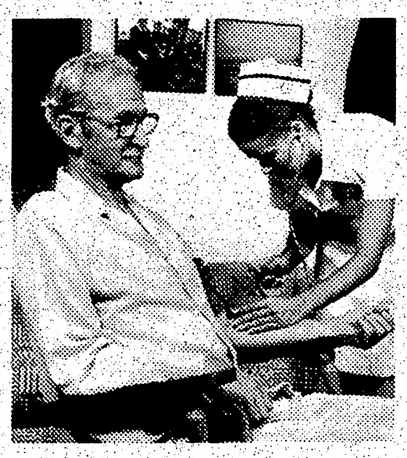

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She remembers her savior, man who saved 1,300 Jews

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
"He was like a father, a good, good man," said Ruth Hershtal, savoring the memory of Oskar Schindler, the German who saved some 1,300 Jews during the Holocaust.

"He tried to make our miserable lives a little better. I owe my life to him."

Eight years after his death, Schindler has become something of a legend. A womanizer, hard drinker and trickster, he used his considerable qualities of guile and charm to rescue about 1,300 Jews, including Ruth Hershtal, from certain death.

Thomas Keneally, an Australian writer, has immortalized him in his new book, Schindler's List, which will probably be made into a movie in the foreseeable future.

In a recent interview, Keneally said he thought 800 or so of these Schindlerjuden, or Schindler Jews, are still alive. And he speculated that about a dozen survivors lived in Canada.

Ruth Hershtal, the mother of two married children, has been living in this country for the past 23 years. She and her husband, a survivor of the Mauthausen concentration camp, came here via Austria and the U.S.

Her father was shot in the Cracow ghetto, while her mother died of typhus. Hershtal's sister, Sabina, is a resident of Israel.

Because she was a nurse, Schindler, a Sudeten Catholic, was able to use her in his enamelware factory just outside Cracow. She never had any lengthy conversations with him but she remembers him with startling clarity. "I was impressed by his behavior. He was a gentleman. Nobody treated us like he did. He didn't regard us as prisoners. He always referred to us as 'my people.' That was my luck. We had hope as long as he was around."

Schindler's camp-cum factory was under the supervision of SS chieftain Amon Goeth, who relished killing Jewish prisoners. Schindler bought him off with bribes of food, liquor and money. But conditions in the camp were still horrid.

Hershtal was overworked, starting a typical day at 6 o'clock and finishing at midnight. Her diet was pathetic: scraps of poorly baked bread, watery potato soup, a dab of margarine, chicory, a lump of sugar.

In December of 1944, Schindler liquidated his plant and moved it to the town of Brinnlitz in Czechoslovakia. Hershtal was supposed to have been transported there but, somehow, the train she and others were on got sidetracked to Auschwitz.

Ruth Hershtal, a "Schindlerjude" [Ben Lechtman photo]

She spent five weeks in Auschwitz, shivering in inspection lines under the withering glare of guards, huddling in crowded, filthy barracks and, in short, waiting to die. "I did not think I would survive."

One day, she and 300 women were loaded on a train for Brinnlitz. She didn't know it, but Schindler had arranged for their release. They were on his famous list of workers he could not do without. It was only after the war that she discovered how fortunate she was. No one had ever been granted such a reprieve from Auschwitz.

"We cried for happiness when we arrived in Brinnlitz. Schindler greeted us, laughing like crazy."

He laughed because the women were clad so outrageously. Hershtal, for example, weighed 80 or 90 pounds and wore a sack-like dress, fit for a woman of 300 to 400 pounds.

Schindler's macabre humor notwithstanding, Hershtal was in dire straits. "I was so sick I couldn't swallow bread."

At Brinnlitz, Schindler should have been producing munitions for the German army. But he did not. Brinnlitz proved to be something of a convalescent home for Hershtal and her coworkers. "We pretended to work, because the SS guarded the camp," she explained. "Most of the time, I knitted."

Her recollections of liberation are crystal clear. Suddenly, the Nazi guards turned polite. The radio was on and she could hear the voice of Winston Churchill. Schindler delivered a little speech expressing his pleasure that his workers had gotten through the war with their lives.

"Later, he shook hands with everyone and kissed us all."

After leaving Brinnlitz, Hershtal went back to Cracow to look for her family. She found only her sister. Hershtal had no intention of remaining in the city of her birth. "Poland was like a cemetery . . . and people weren't nice to us."

She did not lay eyes on Oskar Schindler again. "I knew what he was doing (Schindler failed in business ventures in Germany and Argentina, and often visited his Schindlerjuden in Israel) through friends, but I had no opportunity to see him."

Nevertheless, she never forgot his extraordinary deeds. "I don't understand why he did what he did," she said. "All I know is that he was a great man, a great human being."

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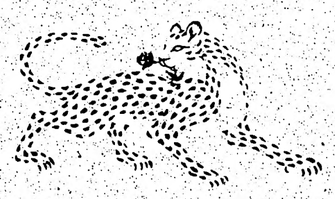
Jan. 5	Beth Tikvah Sisterhood Adult Ed. "Sex and Jewish Law." Lecturer, Rabbi R. Marcus. 3080 Bayview Ave., 9:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Jewish Public Library. "Life in Literature" series - a look at "The Rise of David Levinsky" by Abraham Cahan. Discussion. 22 Glen Park Ave., 8 p.m.
Jan. 9	PACE of Koffler Ctr/JCC. "Alternative Medicine." Guest speaker, Dr. Robert Mendelsohn. Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	PACE of Koffler Ctr/JCC. "The Hotel New Hampshire" by John Irving. Lecturer, Prof. Elaine Newton. Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 9:30 a.m. For information call Georgine Nash, 636–1880.
Jan. 10	Beth Tikvah. "Theological Responses to the Holocaust." Lecturer, Rabbi R. Marcus. 3080 Bayview Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Adath Israel Cong. "Studies in Jewish Thought" with Rabbi Erwin Schild. 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m.
Jan. 14	Temple Sinai. Annual Ruth Mendelsohn Memorial Concert at Oneg Shabbat. Concert-in-the-Round, features music by noted Jewish composers. Performers: Lawrence Cherney, Moshe Hammer, Mark Widner. 210 Wilson Ave.
Jan. 16	CJC. "Jew and Arab - A Common Heritage." Speaker, Saleh Mukamel, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 16	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Jewish Music Month. "The Music of Our People - A Personal Quest." Lecturer, Srul Glick. 55 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m.
Jan. 17	Adath Israel. "Studies in Jewish Thought" with Rabbi Erwin Schild, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m.
Jan. 18	Bible Study Group, Jewish Cultural Council (TJC). Lecturer, Prof. Martin Lockshin, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 23	B'nai Torah NCSY concert at Sheraton Centre. 8 p.m. For details call 226–3700.
Jan. 24	Adath Israel. "Studies in Jewish Thought" with Rabbi Erwin Schild, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m.
Jan. 28	Temple Sinai. "The Synagogue Music of Ben Steinberg," Shabbat Shira service concert. Canadian premiere of "The Crown of Torah." 210 Wilson Ave.
Jan. 28	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Shabbat Shira - Cantor Hesh Myersdorf, 55 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m.
Jan. 30	CJC. "Islam and Jews in the Middle Ages." Speaker, Sarah Taieb Carlen, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., 10:15 a.m.
Jan. 31	Adath Israel. "Studies in Jewish Thought" with Rabbi Erwin Schild, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m.



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100th birthday of IPO founder

Huberman Week a very special musical experience

This report on Huberman Week in Israel was written by JEANETTE GOLDHAR who with Elaine Kay attended the recent major musical event. Elaine Kay was chairman of the special events committee for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra when it visited Toronto last summer and Mrs. Goldhar was a member of the committee.

Mrs. Goldhar and her husband Maxwell contributed a harp to the IPO and sponsored the Second International Harp Competition in Israel.

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Huberman Week at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The great maestro Zubin Mehta was instrumental in helping bring about the marriage of this fine orchestra, outstanding soloists and passionately supportive audience.

Soloists included world-renowned Isaac Stern, Shlomo Mintz, Ida Haendel, Ivry Gitlis,

Violinist Isaac Stern [right] receives an honorary PhD degree at Tel Aviv University from president Haim Ben-Shahar during Huberman Week.

Yitzhak Perlman, Pinhas Zuckerman, Daniel Taub.

Bronislaw Huberman, gifted violinist who had refused to play with the Berlin Philharmonic, was the originator and founder of the Palestine Symphony in the dark days of 1936. He gathered Hitler's refugees into an orchestra that Arturo Toscanini was honored to conduct at its first concert. It immediately became one of the world's great symphony orchestras.

In festive dress, the audience and performers at Huberman Week were one. Inseparable from those on the stage, onlookers drank in every note and nuance, in empathy drew the bow and fingered each string.

Listening, they participated . . . communicated.

Listening was so intense that afterwards one went home spent — unless stopping for tea to prolong the joyful experience.

Capacity audiences broke out in rhythmic clapping that brought the soloists back again and again. Singly, in pairs, trio or quartet they had no alternative but to play once more . . . to repeat a part of the music.

A special enthusiasm and energy seemed to imbue the orchestra personnel. They rehearsed each morning, produced music every evening except Sabbath, and then re-recorded for tape and TV into the night. They drove themselves past normal endurance.

Jewish and Gentile friends who had traveled from as far away as Canada, South Africa, Mexico, Belgium, attended rehearsals.

On a tour to Jerusalem, we saw blackened columns of a home destroyed by Romans in the fire of 70 CE. The past and present came together.

We went to the Musical Centre of Mishkenot Sha'ananim where talented youngsters played for us in ensemble.

Not only stone columns, but people, too, can go through fire and rise above it.

This is a healing, after the anguish of last summer, said Abba Eban, chairman of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation at the Friday night dinner.

No doubt the orchestra members thought of themselves as ambassadors for Israel to the world.

This concert week had more to it than music; it was a love feast. From Mozart to Bartok some of the greatest composers were represented in the week-long event.

Receiving an honorary doctorate at the University of Tel Aviv, Isaac Stern, virtuoso and teacher, shared with us his advice to his students: "You are each one of you unique, with your own special and unique contributions to make."

Ida Haendel played the Sibelius as if it and she, the violin and composer were one. The performance had a life of its own.

When Isaac Stern's violin sang its clear melody in the Brahms concerto, I thought of a nightingale in the treetops. There was many a tear in the audience.

And so finely attuned to each other were Perlman and Zuckerman that even their faces sent out beams of joy.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity . . . and many Israelis heard the concerts live on radio.

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Another speaker at the Shabbat dinner was Elaine Kay, chairman of the special events committee for the recent visit of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to Toronto. She recalled the excellent support for the financial drive in Toronto on behalf of the IPO to establish the Canadian Concert Master's Chair.

"On behalf of my fellow Torontonians, we salute you in this very concrete way, and hope that this fund will enable you to carry on in the tradition of Huberman, and we hope your return to our city will be soon and often," she said.

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Berman has enjoyed success as a TV personality, stage and movie actor, and as a stand-up comedian.

On stage he starred in the national tour of The Prisoner of 2nd Avenue which played Toronto at the Royal Alex in 1973 and Two by Two for which he won critical acclaim in the starring role of Noah.

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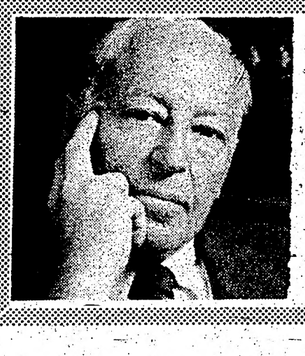

Moses seen as man of many images

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There is an old Jewish legend that when the Angel of Death was sent to take away the soul of Moses he was overcome with the majesty of the prophet. He withdrew in fear. In a like manner, none of the heavenly angels was powerful enough to perform the dread and unwelcome task. Whereupon God, Himself, drew the soul of Moses from him with his kiss.

Denied the privilege of entering the promised land, Moses died in the territory of Moab and found an unknown grave. But he remains the giant personality of Jewish history.

Heinrich Heine exclaimed: "How small Mt. Sinai appeared when Moses stood upon it!"

He incarnated in his person the dual functions of prophet and priest, combined with a deep sense of compassion and touching humanity. To Jews he has remained for all time Moshe Rabbenu — "Moses our Teacher."

Rabbi Daniel Silver of The Temple in Cleveland demonstrates, in this scholarly yet readable and enjoyable work, that the image of Moses has undergone profound change through the generations. Each age has interpreted Moses to serve its own intellectual and spiritual needs. As a result, to see him in his various guises is to experience the colorful sweep of Jewish history. Moses is an "empty vessel" into which successive generations of believers have poured the wine of their convictions.

Writes the author: "To a Jew conditioned by Hellenistic cultural norms Moses was a lawgiver who founded the civil religions of Athens and Sparta. To the Talmudic sages Moses was Moshe Rabbenu, the first among their colleagues, a master of Torah study, a holy man and faith healer.

"To generations of ordinary Jews suffering the pains of an outrageous fortune Moses was an intercessor who sat beside God in Heaven and spent his days presenting their needs to the Almighty."

One surprising conclusion of Silver's is that a careful reading of Scripture reveals that Moses was not a fearless leader, but always a diminished hero without independent authority. "Given the Torah's underlying purpose, to summon God's redemptive powers, it is not surprising that the Moses who appears on its pages is someone who is a diminshed version of the actual historical figure."

In the Haggadah text there is no evidence that Moses appeared as a central figure in any version. After all, the seder ritual has as its main purpose the emphasis on God's redemptive power.

It is noteworthy that for some 1,700 years after his death no Jewish child was named after Moses. Evidently the common folk considered it prudent to maintain a safe distance from heavenly or semi-heavenly beings.

"To speak Moses' name casually, say, when calling a son to dinner or, worse, when chiding him, was to disturb unnecessarily an important heavenly personage and to run the risk that he would not respond when you really needed a friend at court."

In effect a survey of Jewish thought through the ages, this original and thoughtful work comes to the conclusion that each generation is confident that it possesses the truth. But what it actually possesses is the truth appropriate to its time and place. For the author, the understanding of that limitation on zealous thinking and acting is the beginning of wisdom.

U of T art endowment

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Art devotees Fay and Jules Loeb have endowed the University of Toronto with their multi-million-dollar Canadian art collection and their 3-storey Rosedale mansion in which it is housed.

In addition, they have established the Fay Loeb Chair in Canadian Art History, believed to be the only one of its kind in the country, as a university foundation for scholarly research and graduate studies.

The collection of more than 200 works, estimated to be worth well over $3,000,000, includes every major Canadian artist living or dead. Among them are paintings by Cornelius David Krieghoff, Emily Carr, Paul Kane, Arthur Lismer, Frederick Varley, David Milne, Alfred Pellan, A. J. Casson, J. E. H. MacDonald, Jack Bush, Jean-Paul Riopelle, Paul-Emile Borduas, Jacques de Tonnancour, Lawren Harris, Goodridge Roberts and Harold Town.

"This gift is a landmark, not only for the university, but for the province and nation as well," said James M. Ham, president of the university. "It will strengthen the teaching of Canadian art in a magnificent and unique way."

The Loebs, originally from Ottawa, have been active in the Canadian art scene for 35 years.

James Ham, flanked by Jules and Fay Loeb, admires art endowment. [Robert Landsdale photo]

Jules Loeb, who made his fortune in mining and investing in Ottawa and Toronto hotels, is described by Pat Fleisher, former editor of Artmagazine of Canada, as "a charming art connoisseur in his 60s who sparkles in art circles."

She describes Fay Loeb as a "petite, handsome, strong-minded art consultant, who has a keen eye for quality and is a shrewd business woman — a leader in boosting the best of contemporary Canadian artists. About half of the works in the National Gallery in Ottawa are there due to her efforts. And they selected her to appraise all the Canadiana works in the Art Gallery of Ontario."

Mrs. Loeb operates her business, called ARTinvest Corp., out of the basement of her vast, graystone residence. Interior renovations should be completed there by 1984, when it will house the art treasures which she and her husband have been collecting since 1948.

If you want her to pick something for that empty wall at home, you'll pay a commission of approximately 10% of the painting's price. Her ARTinvest firm handles more than $500,000 worth of art a year. Part of that comes from sales of elegant tapestries, a business which she originated in 1977, when she commissioned Canadian tapestries.

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Leisure Pleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING 481–6434

Most of the original Stratford Festival cast are in Brian Friel's TRANSLATIONS. CJN readers will empathize with this superb Irish saga of people forced to adopt a foreign tongue. Basically, it's a powerful love story and a "must-see", playing now to February 6 at Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley Street. Reservations: 368–2856.

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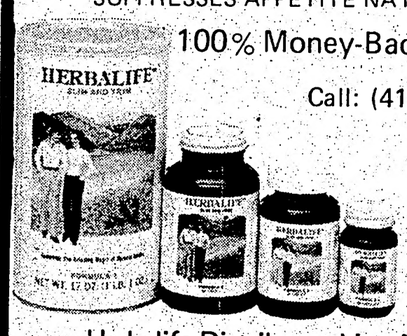

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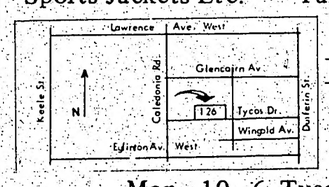

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Yemenite-Jewish folkdancing master draws a warm community reception

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Torontonians enjoy Yemenite folkdancing classes at the JCC-Koffler

Jewish communal interest in Toronto in keeping Yemenite-Jewish dance folklore alive is very high, as indicated by the large turnout at a recent 2-day master dance class directed by one of Israel's authorities on Yemenite dance, Seadia Amishai, held under auspices of the JCC-Koffler Centre's folkdance department headed by Teme Kernerman.

Amishai, though invited to be a principal in Israel's world-renowned Yemenite folkdance troupe Inbal, chose instead to remain in his home town of Kiryat Shemona where he currently conducts two performing groups which he organized. These groups, under his direction, have performed in Portugal, Spain, France, West Germany, Ohio (for a whole month), Holland and Denmark.

Following his 2-day Toronto class, he left for a winter folkdance session at Camp Machol in the Catskills.

Emphasizing a retention of authentic Yemenite folkdance as comprising a permanent component of the Israeli cultural mosaic, Amishai has his own specific philosophy of choreography.

Describing himself as "not being a factory," he tries his ideas on his performing groups, giving them a fair amount of poetic license, and slowly evolves them into a final product through experimentation.

Ideally, he wants the dancers to authentically feel the reason behind their movements.

His whole family works with him, including his daughter who also dances.

He regards Yemenite music as being the closest not only to original Hebraic folk music but also having many uncanny resemblances to classical European motifs, as documented by Israeli musicologist Noam Sharif. "It is totally different from Arabian music," he said.

Seadia Amishai is very happy with the warm reception and interest he received in Toronto. "The people are very warm. I feel part of the community here."

Certainly he feels that Toronto has given him a morale boost and a feeling that the Jews in the Diaspora share Israel's ideal of the ingathering of the exiles.

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"We are not European."

So said Israel's top songstress Ilanit, in a CJN interview just prior to her triumphant concert appearance here, in regards to where she feels Israeli contemporary culture is going today.

While she believes that "there is no pure Israeli music," she does believe that the composite of different styles which comprise it constitute a new musical spirit which is uniquely Israeli.

She is strongly against slavish imitation of foreign styles for the sake of foreign acceptance, proudly pointing out that the second-place winner of the 1982 Eurovision festival, Hora, by Avi Toledano, is non-imitative but instead based on various Sephardic roots. "Avi Toledano brought something from our own flavor which we should be proud of," she commented.

"I don't forget my childhood in Brazil," says Ilanit, who includes a Brazilian medley in each concert. However, she is just as much against slavish imitation of Brazilian styles, to the exclusion of all else, by Israeli composers as she would be against any other form of imitation. "It might be great Brazilian music but it's not Israeli."

While she has been tempted many times to work and live abroad, she says she would never leave Israel. "I didn't want to give up a family life for a career, and Israel is where I will bring up my family. Israel is home."

And thus, interspersed between her many melodious love songs were proud affirmative selections about the beauty of Israel — which admirably warmed the hearts of all those present in the Minkler Auditorium audience.

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Particularly important in regards to the death of this century's most famous concert pianist, Arthur Rubinstein. was his selfless dedication to the musical life of Israel.

The Rubinstein Piano Competition, which is to be held again this spring in Jerusalem, is probably the most presitigious event or its kind in the world today.

He has set a truly worthy example for all great Jewish musicians to follow in the future.

Koffler ceramic exhibit

TORONTO —

The Koffler Gallery will be the first stop in a series of Canadian showings for an exhibition of Japanese ceramic work.

Approximately 100 pieces of ceramic creations, both functional and non-functional, will be on display at the Koffler, 4588 Bathurst, from Jan. 12 to Feb. 28. A preview of the opening will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m.

The exhibition was put together under auspices of the Japan Foundation, in co-operation with the International Programs of National Museums and the Japanese embassy.

Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Saturday. For more information call 636-2145.

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By
ARNOLD AGES

MIAMI BEACH —

Miami Beach, called by one travel writer recently "the comeback city of the 80s" has not only refurbished its image but is busy working on a gigantic face-lift of the island that is bringing a whole generation of vacationers to sample the city's delights.

On a recent day at the Fontainbleau Hotel the following languages could be heard in the spacious lobby: English, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch and Swedish. Miami Beach has become an international tourist haven.

The deluge of foreign guests coming to Florida's most famous city has come about because of two main reasons: charter flights from Europe, and the realization that Miami Beach offers unparalleled opportunities for relaxation.

The U.S. army corps of engineers is partially responsible for the latter. About five years ago they began extensive work on the ocean shore which, through natural erosion, had virtually disappeared, leaving, in some places, a strip of beach no more than 10 yards wide.

Today Miami Beach can boast of a sandy beach area 300 yards wide and stretching the entire length of the island. Ideal for joggers, walkers, bicyclists and sunbathers the beach area now attracts thousands of people each day, each out to pursue his or her own recreation.

The limitless expanse of ocean and sandy beach surface are only samples of the many attractions which the city offers. Sportsminded folk may indulge in tennis either at the many fine courts provided at some of the better hotels or at the public areas.

Tennis, boating, fishing, surfing, swimming — these are the traditional pastimes of Miami Beach frequenters. There is another side to the city, however, which has not always been explored by the casual tourist.

Judy Drucker
... citizen of year

After the exertions of the day are over some thought should be given to sampling cultural life. That's not a concept normally associated with the city's image, yet Miami Beach has much to offer for the inquiring mind, the music lover, the bibliophile, and the art connoisseur.

One of the most remarkable sources for the enjoyment of the arts is walking distance from the Fontainebleau Hotel. Temple Sholom on Prairie Ave. off 41 St. offers a musical and cultural program that has few equals.

Under the direction of Judy Drucker, the synagogue's cultural director, Temple Sholom has provided Miami Beach with such outstanding performers as Luciano Pavarotti and Roberta Stevens.

In 1982 Mrs. Drucker persuaded the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Centre in New York to present a series of concerts at the temple. In 1983 Marilyn Horne (the distinguished soprano), Yitzhak Perlman, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Pinchas Zukerman and the Houston Symphony will be performing there.

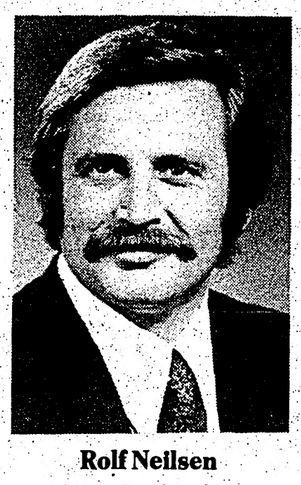
Drucker, named "outstanding citizen of the year" by the City of Miami Beach in 1982, is also the co-ordinator of a lecture series to be held at the synagogue. Winter visitors to the city will have an opportunity to hear Cynthia Ozick, David Schoenbrun and Shlomo Avineri. Henry Kissinger will be speaking at another synagogue (on 17th St.) in the new year.

Aficionados of art and photography will find the Miami area rich in exhibits. The Bass Museum at 2100 Collins Ave. features canvases from Rubens' studio and some unusual tapestries and sculptures.

The Historical Museum of South Florida (3280 S. Miami Ave.) provides glimpses of the state's colonial past.

New Israel charter package is termed "irresistible"

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER



Rolf Neilsen

TORONTO —

Rolf Neilsen is bullish on Israel.

The president of Chieftain Holidays, which will begin offering charter flights to Israel starting on March 22, is confident that business will be good because the package is so irresistible.

Israel, he said in an interview, has more to offer than Mexico and the Caribbean combined.

Is he just saying that?

No, replied Neilsen, who has been a travel promoter for the past quarter of a century. "I stake my reputation on this."

Neilsen and his partner, who operate Chieftain/Shamrock [(416) 671-8977], are plunging into the Israeli market at a time when tourism in Israel is somewhat depressed as a result of the worldwide recession and the recent war in Lebanon.

Between June and October there were 90,000 fewer foreign tourists in Israel than in the corresponding months of 1981. The crisis, of course, has been aggravated by the grounding of El Al, the national airline.

Despite these facts, Neilsen is upbeat.

Israel, he said, has everything a tourist could possibly want: good weather, variegated scenery, biblical sites and monuments, beaches galore, a fine network of hotels, restaurants offering international cuisine, an excellent road system and a hospitable population.

These factors, he argued, would enable Chieftain/Shamrock to make a success of its new venture.

Chieftain / Shamrock, in co-operation with Worldways Canada, will fly its passengers from Toronto directly to Tel Aviv. Flights will depart at 2 p.m. Toronto time and arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport at 10 a.m. local time.

Round trip adult tickets will be $1,199, and $1,049 for chidren, 2-16, accompanied by two adults. Senior citizens will be given a $50 reduction. Neilsen said prices are firm and will not be subject to a price increase in the summer if a passenger pays in advance.

If demand is sufficiently high, he added, Chieftain/Shamrock may inaugurate a Montreal-Tel Aviv route.

Neilsen, having just returned from a round of meetings in Israel, has worked out a land program covering hotels and tours. Kenis Tours will be the Israeli operator.

- The 7-day kibbutz tour enables a traveler who dislikes organized tours to set his own. He has a choice of 10 kibbutz guest houses throughout the country.

For two, the price is $245 each, plus $6 per day for car insurance and $8 per dinner. (There is a $149 premium for single travelers).

- The 6-day, 5-night tour to Egypt leaving from Israel includes tours of Cairo, Giza, Luxor and Memphis. Highlights include visits to the world famous Egyptian Museum, the Ben Ezra Synagogue, the Khan Khalil bazaar, the pyramids of Sakkara and Giza, the royal tombs of King Tut and Queen Nefertiti and the Temples of Karnak.

For two, the price is $490 each, excluding a few lunches and one dinner. Luxury hotels will be used.

- The 8-day biblical tour takes you from Tel Aviv to Haifa, Nazareth, the Jordan Valley, Jericho, Jerusalem, Masada and Qumrom. For $390, breakfast and dinner is included.
- The 7-night Eilat beach holiday is $249 each, double occupancy.
- The 7-night and 14-night holidays in Tel Aviv are tailor-made for someone who enjoys sunbathing, water sports, food, bar hopping and shopping. Guests will be booked into 4-star hotels. An Israeli breakfast is included for the price of $139 per week per person.

Day tours to places like Jerusalem and Haifa will be available.

Neilsen said Chieftain/Shamrock can design custom-made tours for finicky tourists.

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A bit of France

Warm weather, flora characterize Martinique

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique — Brilliant bougainvillea and other colorful tropical plants line the roads throughout this lush mountainous island.

Colorful fishing villages flank the seaward side of the roads every few miles, the fishermen bringing in their catch or repairing their nets, while a busy market with local produce is in the community's centre.

On Martinique you can enjoy fine white sand beaches, snorkeling, deep sea fishing, golf and tennis, but also tour the 50- by 19-mile island and its 1,100 square kilometres.

Probably the biggest surprise for most visitors, aside from its magnificent almost 80 degree Fahrenheit (26 Celsius) temperature, is the statue of Empress Josephine Bonaparte in this capital city's main park. For the wife of Napoleon was born here.

Martinique is one of two main islands under French nationality in the West Indies. The other is Guadeloupe and it has several nearby smaller islands — St. Martin, St. Bathelemy, Les saintes, Desirade and Marie-Galante.

These islands are all a bit of France, with French customs and dining predominant, the native creole population dressing somewhat different to other West Indian islanders and French mainly the spoken language.

Martinique is where Mount Pelee erupted in 1902 and destroyed within minutes the main town of St. Pierre.

The scenery along the mountainous road from Fort de France to St. Pierre was among the most magnificent this travel reporter has seen in the West Indies.

Everywhere brilliant tropical flowers bloomed along the road. In the background on one side were ever rising lush green hills and on the other side, somewhere far below, the blue Caribbean Sea along with glaring white beaches.

Guadeloupean beauty dressed in the special headkerchief, shawl, beads and gaily colored dress worn in the French West Indian islands.

Here and there we came on small fishing villages, stopped to see the activity along the waterfront or to mingle with the friendly women and children in the nearby open air food market.

At St. Pierre I visited the small museum where remnants of the 1902 catastrophe were on display — burned and twisted household utensils, clocks which stopped at the hour of the eruption, food encrusted in lava found in wrecked homes — and much more. Today St. Pierre is but a small village compared to the bustling commercial town it was 80 years ago.

Guadeloupe also has a volcano, La Soufriere, which fortunately has not erupted in recent times. Both volcanoes can be climbed, but with a guide, for there are many steep sections. On Soufriere you will also find mineral springs, both sulphuric and saline, which are used for medical purposes.

On the way to the volcanoes you will pass through rain forests with their very heavy tree and plant growth.

Both main islands have a wide assortment of small hotels and restaurants, where the service is in the French manner with breakfast included in the room rate. Seafood and creole dishes are the specialties of the islands and wine is served at meals.

Be careful of the hot spices — they can be like a volcano if you take too much at a time.

The hotels range from those under 20 rooms to larger ones of almost 200 rooms and managed by international hotel chains. There are also Club Med resorts on both main islands, located some distance from the main cities of Fort de France and Pointe-a-Pitre, capital of Guadeloupe.

A few casinos are now on the islands for games like roulette and various card gambling games.

The French islands offer little by way of nightlife, except a few discos, and hotel entertainment. Tours of the islands and the nearby islands of Guadeloupe are arranged by most hotels. Sailing is popular, many yachts come here, as do some cruise ships.

The beaches are all within close proximity to most hotels, and on many of them European as well as North Americans of both sexes go about topless.

While the ladies still dress for dinner in the hotels, in recent years men have not been required to wear jackets and ties, but now wear tropical open neck shirts in the dining rooms.

The shopping for local handicrafts is varied. French perfumes and some other French goods are available, including tropical fashion wear.

If you speak French you will have little difficulty getting about in these French islands, but English is understood in most hotels and restaurants.

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Relief through exercise

Lower back pain endemic in sedentary lifestyle

By
DR. JOSEPH LEVY
[University of Waterloo]

Thousands of Canadians suffer from low-back pain. It is endemic among men and women between 30-50 years of age who are faced with a relatively sedentary lifestyle frought with stress and professional pressures. I see and hear from several hundred during the course of my workshops and lectures on stress management.

Why, then, are so many people afflicted with low-back problems? In general, the back aches because the marvelous structures in the spinal region do not have enough strength to support the weight of the body.

Common "sports medicine" remedies for low-back pain include **ice applications, diathermy,** or even **muscle relaxing medication.** But, unfortunately, these "treatments" are not directed at the underlying primary cause — WEAK MUSCLES. Appropriate exercises and activities of daily living can **control** and **minimize** the cause of low-back pain.

It is critical to point out that low-back pain cannot be "cured" by any type of treatment or remedial program. Once the bones (vertebrae), ligaments and muscles in the lower spinal region have been injured they will never regain their original healthy status.

Since back pain is such a mysterious topic and often surrounded by a host of silly misconceptions, even the most educated are often subjected to painful and oftentimes useless and dangerous treatments.

A comprehensive study of 5,000 patients carried out by a combined medical group from New York and Columbia universities, established that about 80% of all back pain arises from muscular weakness or inelasticity. Ruptured vertebral disks accounted for less than 5% of all cases of back pain.

Since the most common cause of low-back pain is muscle weakness, especially of the belly muscles, exercises directed at strengthening the belly (abdominal) muscles will protect the lower-back.

In all fairness it should be pointed out that other muscle problems, such as lack of flexibility of the back, poor posture (while sleeping, sitting and standing), and weak hamstring muscles (large muscles at the back of the thigh that primarily flex the knee), are also main culprits of low-back pain.

In only 15 minutes a day, you can begin strengthening the supportive muscles of the back. Here are exercises that you can incorporate into your lifestyle very easily. This routine may be carried out two or three times a day. Do these exercises slowly, and as you progress gradually increase the **amount** and **intensity.**

1. **The pelvic tilt**

Lie on your back with your knees bent and feet on the floor crossed at the ankles. Tighten your abdominal muscles — breathing normally.

Now flatten the small of your back against the floor by curling your head and shoulders slightly. Hold for 5 to 10 seconds. Return to floor, flatten your lower back and relax for 5 seconds. Repeat 3 to 5 times.

Do not strain or force your body. Learn to flatten the small of your back against the floor — it is the principal exercise for back pain sufferers.

2. **The standing pelvic tilt**

Stand one foot away from a wall. Now sit against the wall, bending knees slightly. Tilt your pelvis by tightening abdominal and buttock muscles. This should flatten your lower back against the wall. Keep your head straight, shoulders relaxed and breathe naturally. Hold this position for 5-10 seconds, then relax for 5 seconds by straightening the legs. Repeat 3 to 5 times.

3. **Low-back stretcher**

Lie on your back with knees straight. Pull both knees slowly up to the chest by grasping the legs just below the knees. Tighten abdomen muscles and press lower-back flat against floor. Hold knees to chest for 10-20 seconds, then lower slowly. Repeat 5-10 times.

These exercises are intended for those who would like to strengthen their abdominals and lower-back. More advanced and intensive exercises may be obtained by consulting a professional kinesiologist or therapeutic recreation specialist.

Do not begin a lower-back exercise program before consulting your physician and an exercise specialist.

If you have any additional need for information on this topic, please write to me at the Department of Recreation, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ont.

Gould speaks

BRANTFORD — Humorist author Allan Gould will read excerpts from his recent best-seller, The Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists, at the first meeting of B'nai B'rith Canada's newly reconstituted Brantford Lodge 1154. The reading will be held at the Beth David Synagogue here Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

Gould is a lecturer on theatre and Holocaust literature at York University and the Ontario College of Art.

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Casse [Greenstein], Esther — Early on Thursday, December 23, 1982 at Princess Margaret Hospital. Survived by beloved husband Harry Casse, dear brothers Morris, Alex and David Kirsh, devoted children Sydney and Herbert Greenstein, Bernice Eckler, Helen Casse and Carol, Randi Marrus and 22 grand children & great-grandchildren.

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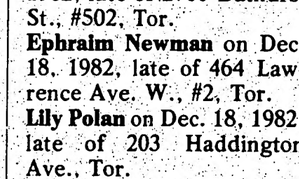

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Rygier, Lea on December 21, 1982, late of 69 Fairholme Ave.
Silverberg, Sarah on December 18, 1982, late of 4222 Bathurst St., Apt. 202.
Stern, Abraham on December 14, 1982, late of 104 Playfair Ave.
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Mr. Software is a family concern

Handy home computers offer a bit of the future

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The future has come to the small family business . . . as typified by Betty and Marshall Cohen's Mr. Software.

The new shop, on Eglinton Ave. W. at Oriole Parkway, still smells of paint, new carpeting and — freshly unpacked video game units and computer terminals.

Not books but cassettes, cartridges and programs line the walls from floor to well-lit ceiling, brightly packaged under blue signs marked Atari, Apple, TRS 80, and Business. *blipping* sounds from here and there intrude, but softly, on the library-like atmosphere.

But just as the most hidebound of computer ignoramuses starts to wonder what world he is in, he is greeted by a keen 16-year-old who enthusiastically declares: "Let me show you how that works. It's fun."

The boy is either Martin or Paul, the family twins. Both spend a good part of their after-school hours sprinting in their jogging shoes from customer to customer, to demonstrate the latest game or program.

Their older sisters, Suzanne, Sharon and Laurel, all in their 20s, also come in to help.

Answering basic questions and manning the credit card and cash register is their mother Betty. In the mini-office behind the wall of cassettes is Marshal Cohen, a consulting engineer on Yonge St. in the morning and Mr. Software's chief buyer, demonstrator and enthusiast in the afternoon.

"People just don't realize how much of a bargain computers have become," Cohen said. "About 15 years ago, I bought an LGP-30 shortly after I went into private practice. It was big, with 100 tubes and a drum memory. I got it used, but when it first came out, it cost about $100,000. Currently, most of its functions can be filled by a home computer in the $300-$800 range.

What exactly do those heavily advertised home and game computers do?

Betty, who confesses to a strictly general knowledge, and Marshall, a self-taught programmer and all-round expert, gave this reporter a briefing. The latter discovered, after wrenching away from the distraction of their Dublin accent — uneroded by more than 27 years of Canadian exposure — that such computers could do a number of impressive things.

Depending on the software — those cartridges, cassettes and programs — that feeds them, the VIC 20, Colecovision, Intellevision and Atari VCS computer units can:

- Play a variety of arcade-like games, with futuristic, fantasy, war, dungeons-and-dragons, maze, and other motifs, at various levels of difficulty.
- Help with spelling, language and arithmetic homework.
- Keep track of the household budget.
- Do filing.
- Provide for the perfect composition, spelling and storage of letters and other correspondence — that is, word-processing.
- Teach programming itself, to children and adults.
- Run household appliances, fixtures and heating.

Music can be composed on the VIC 20, which provides a visual display of notes and audio playback. Another program allows for drawing pictures and coloring.

Confident that others will become equally enamored and amazed at computer capabilities, the Cohens have just initiated a bar-mitzvah gift registry at their store.

"The grandparents, let's say, buy the computer, and friends and relatives buy programs," said Mrs. Cohen.

The Cohens are also promoting the Kaypro II, a state-of-the-art business computer with two built-in high quality disk drives and a viewing terminal, made by a leading U.S. manufacturer of electronic medical instruments. They are selling it with an additional $1,500 worth of software included for about $2,700.

Cohen pointed out that, with one or two exceptions, software from one brand of computer cannot be used on another. The process of standardization is far from complete.

Miniaturization is also continuing, and in a few years, computers may be half the size or less.

"But, it must be emphasized that computers right now are powerful tools," he said. "People who wait for future developments, while being able to benefit from computers now, are missing out on a lot. A computer bought now will always do what it's supposed to and be of use in the future."

Members of the Cohen family in their new software shop [Graphic Artists photo]

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Warriors snap losing skid with upset of Sting

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

With a win that must have come like manna in the desert, Wilson Heights Warriors finally snapped the longest losing skid in the B'nai B'rith hockey league this season with a 4-2 upset of Forrestdale Sting, one of their closest BII Division rivals.

Led by two goals and an assist from Bram Wittenberg, Warriors marched to their first win and first points in 11 games this season with a convincing victory that saw them control the game from the opening faceoff. Warriors 4-goal performance was their best offensive display of the campaign.

The two points don't do much in the standings for Warriors who are still six points behind their nearest division opponents Toronto Freedom Lodge Miners and Sting, but the win must have done something to boost Wilson Heights morale.

While one BII Division string was broken another remains intact. Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks, who are threatening to take the BII Division championship in a cakewalk, rolled to their 11th straight victory last week with a 3-1 win over Toronto Freedom Lodge Miners. Daryl Ura paced Black Hawks with a goal and an assist, while goaltender Gary Buckspan lowered his goals against average to an outstanding 1.18.

Elsewhere in B Division action, a win and a decision in a contest protested earlier have catapulted Maccabiah Jets out of the BI Division basement and into a tie for 5th place in the standings.

The league scrapped an earlier 6-3 Judea Greenhorn victory over Jets, ruling that Greenhorns had used an ineligible player in that contest. Jets were subsequently awarded a 1-0 victory.

The Maccabiah team then came back last week to nip Upper Canada Capitals 5-3, moving into a tie with Caps in the standings four points behind 4th-place Canyon Kings.

Rounding out B Division results, Don Mills Developers got a pair of goals and two assists from Alan Kadish to earn a 4-4 draw against Canyon Kings; Peter Kirsch and Sam Winberg had a goal and an assist apiece to pace Toronto Freedom Lodge Feathers to a 3-1 win over Judea Greenhorns; and Don Mills Axemen and Maccabiah Beavers fought to a 1-1 stalemate.

In the first of two A Division match-ups, Toronto Freedom Lodge Whalers inched within a point of division-leading Toronto freedom Lodge Refiners and Canyon IFL Jets took sole possession of 3rd-place, one point behind Whalers, as the two clubs battled to a 2-2 draw. Marc Adler led Jets with a goal and an assist in the game.

The only other premiere division contest saw Toronto Freedom Lodge Teammates stun Forrestdale Big Steel Man 6-3. Jay Bleiweis, with three goals and an assist, Howard Biderman with two goals and an assist and Mike Albert with three assists starred for Teammates.

The second consecutive upset loss for Big Steel Man prevented them from keeping pace with the other division leaders, dropping them into 4th-place in the standings.

Last week's C Division games offered no surprises as all of the front-running teams came away with decisive victories. Division-leading Canyon Old Timers got two goals from Roger Amram and Shelly Manilla set up three scores as Old Timers whipped Maccabiah Weiss Guys 5-2.

Second-place Toronto Freedom Lodge Maple Leafs blanked Mixed Devils 5-0 behind flawless goaltending by John Daniels. Ron Kimel had a pair of goals and an assist and David Breslin set up two to lead Maple Leafs.

And third-place Toronto Freedom Lodge Plumbers swamped Mixed Red Wings 9-1 paced by a hat trick and two assists from Harvey Cooper and a pair of tallies by Stephen Sacks.

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Although plans for the 3rd annual B'nai B'rith Hockey Tournament are moving along briskly, league president Jim Avrams says the tourney is "still in dire need of a major sponsor and financial support."

Avrams and tournament committee chairman Morrie Frydberg have received an increasing number of calls

An 8-team field is already confirmed

for advertising and sponsorship at the event, but still no single major patron or company has come forward to put a name on the tourney. However, organizers continue to be hopeful.

Meanwhile, other aspects of the competition, slated for the Thornhill Community Centre at Bayview Ave. and John St. on Feb. 16-20, are falling into place. An 8-team field is already confirmed with strong representation coming from the defending champion Winnipeg contingent [the Toronto team is not the defending champion as earlier reported in this column], Montreal and Calgary. Three teams are also set to represent Toronto.

League officials are confident that there will be some cable TV coverage of the tournament with a broadcast of the final game almost a certainty.

In an effort to raise additional funds for the event the league is holding a raffle which offers Toronto Maple Leaf season tickets, a TV set and a wristwatch as prizes. Raffle tickets are now available.

Anyone desiring more information about sponsorship or tournament details is asked to call Avrams at 881-7026 or Frydberg at 886-0679.

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Ontario's tourism and recreation minister Reuben C. Baetz recently announced that six provincial sport governing bodies and the Ontario Sport Sciences and Testing Centre have received grants totaling nearly $185,000 as part of a government effort to more quickly identify and develop young athletes across the province.

The sport governing bodies which will operate short development centres at various universities throughout the province for the training of high-performance athletes will receive $144,000.

These centres will provide facilities, top coaching and sports medicine support for athletes in basketball, women's field hockey, sailing, soccer, swimming and track and field.

Baetz said the sport development centres, geared toward elite athletes, represent the fruition of a concept endorsed by the provincial and federal ministers responsible for sport during a conference at Vancouver in 1981. He said he hoped the centres would eventually be expanded by the national sports governing bodies to become national training facilities.

Seven centres were selected from among 28 proposals put forward by 18 provincial sports governing bodies. The centres and sports bodies being funded are:

Ontario Amateur Basketball Association at the University of Waterloo, $20,000; Ontario Women's Field Hockey at the University of Toronto, $10,000; Ontario Sailing Association at Georgian College, $10,000; Ontario Soccer Association (site to be selected), $30,000; Ontario section of the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association at Laurentian University, $20,000; Ontario Track and Field Association

Upper Canada Snipers [light sweaters] in action against Freedom Lodge Refiners. Snipers' Ziv Feldman and Refiners' Mike Wolfman anticipate the action.

(multiple events and jumps) at the University of Toronto, $27,000; and Ontario Track and field Association (sprints) at York University, $27,000.

The grants will subsidize coaching salaries, appropriate travel, accommodation and living expenses, equipment purchases and testing programs.

Multiple events coach Andy Higgins of the University of Toronto said that "track and field was organized before but now we are formalized. We have a clear mandate from the province and the money to support programs. It's going to greatly expand on some of the existing situations."

Higgins added that the presence of elite athletes and coaches at the centres will attract other coaches and high performance athletes.

Baetz also announced that a $40,000 grant is being made to the Ontario Sport Sciences and Testing Centre at the University of Toronto to establish a test assessment centre. It will conduct a minimum of 300 physical assessments per year on high calibre athletes.

Baetz said the sport development centres and the assessment testing centre will have far-reaching effects because the coaching and testing techniques used will filter down through the sports governing bodies to individual sports clubs and associations to benefit athletes at all levels.

"We will be able to identify new talents sooner and on a much larger scale," Baetz said. "The fastest kid on the block will always stand out from the crowd; now we will be able to determine whether he has the makings of a high performance athlete."

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Comprised mostly of Soviet Jewish immigrants, the Black Sea team of the Toronto City Services Soccer League is anxiously seeking a sponsor for next season.

Coming off a successful first season in league play, the Black Sea outfit captured first-place in the TCSSL's 4th division allowing them to advance to the 7-team 3rd division for next season. But the team, which got help from JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Services) in getting started, is having trouble preparing for the upcoming 15-game schedule (including playoffs) which opens late in April.

Although the league boasts sponsors like Xerox and CBS, no one has appeared to sponsor the Black Sea squad. Coach Alex Vaserbaum says the team needs balls, new uniforms, winter practice facilities and other miscellaneous financial help to prepare for and continue next year.

Anyone interested in providing sponsorship for the team is asked to contact Vaserbaum at 667-9359.

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For baseball fans heading down Florida way during the March break, the Toronto Blue Jays spring training headquarters in Dunedin offers an opportunity to get an early jump on pennant fever.

Jays will be playing 28 pre-season games during their seventh spring season and for modest prices you can have a peek at baseball's greats, near-greats and up-and-comings.

The Blue Jays camp opens on Feb. 24 with the first exhibition game scheduled for March 7 against St. Leo College. The Jays then face 14 National League and 13 American League opponents including the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals (March 22-23), Philadelphia Phillies, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals and Boston Red Sox.

If you can make the games there is also a pretty good chance you'll see the Jays win. Toronto's record over the past four pre-seasons has been .500 or better and the team is coming off its most successful year to date.

Tickets for Grapefruit League games are available only at Grant Field, Jays' home diamond in Dunedin, beginning March 1. Ticket booths are open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday with only reserved seats ($4.50 U.S.) sold in advance. Grandstand ($3.50 U.S.) and general admission ($3 U.S.) tickets are sold only on game day. Mail orders are not accepted.

All pre-season games, except an April 1 match-up with the Phillies and an April 3 game against the Tigers (12 noon starts), begin at 1.30 p.m.

With prices as low as a Jim Clancy slider and weather that should be as hot as a Dave Stieb fastball, pre-season games are a bargain for vacationing baseball addicts.

Jays' regular season home opener is scheduled on April 9 at 1.30 p.m. against Dave Winfield and the New York Yankees.

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